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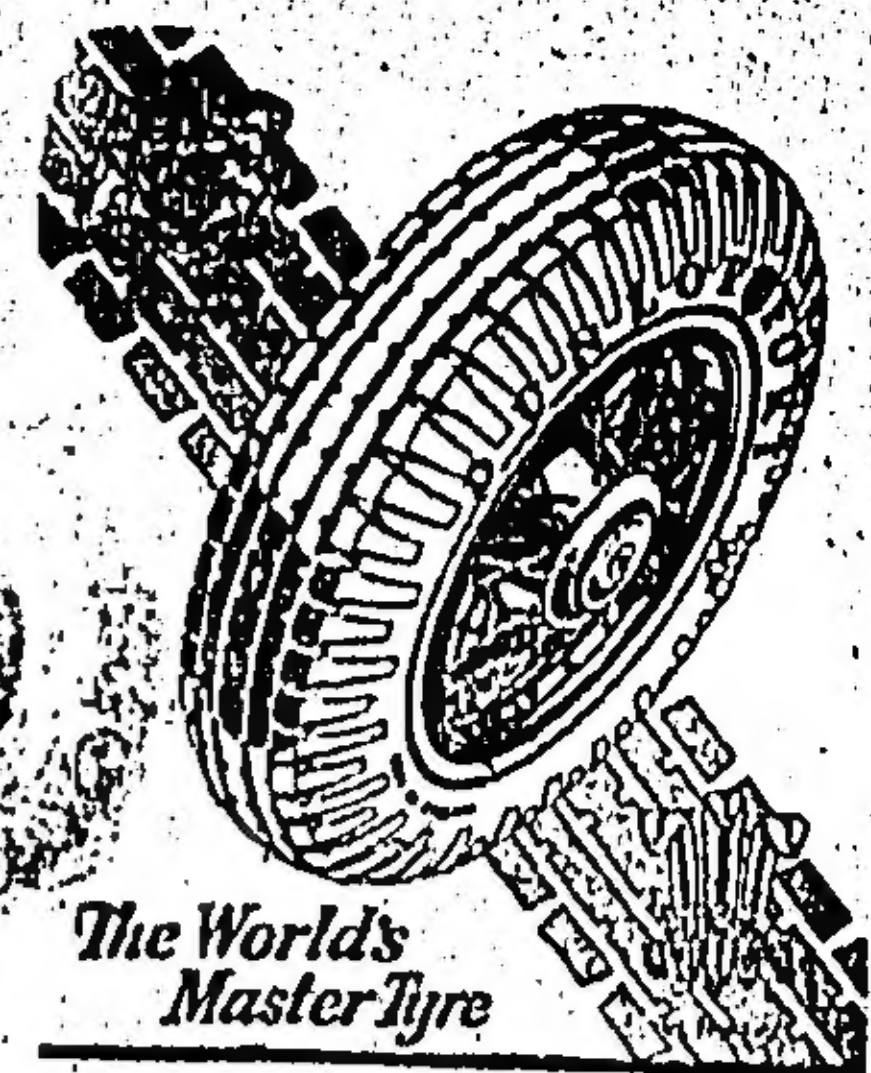
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HEAVY FIRING ON MADRID

Rebels Lose Two Air Raiders Over City

HOSTILITIES INTENSIFIED IN MANY SECTORS

Madrid, Dec. 22.

In the course of a heavy bombardment of Madrid to-day by rebel artillery, three shells hit the tall Telephone Exchange building, tearing large holes in the walls. Other shells fell in the streets in the vicinity of this conspicuous target.

A thrilling air battle was fought over the river Manzanares, in full view of the crowds in the streets. Two rebel raiders were brought down and one Government machine was hit and forced to land at the Barajas Aerodrome.—*Reuter*.

CONCENTRATED ATTACK

Madrid, Dec. 22.

Rebel aeroplanes and artillery concentrated in a pre-Christmas attack and did considerable damage to the centre of the capital, to-day.

Planes rained bombs and machine-gun bullets on the north-western sector of the city. The guns, for the most part, concentrated their fire on the Telephone Exchange building, one shell ploughing its way through the six storeys and smashing office equipment. Another shell struck the entrance and caused a panic among employees on the lower floors.

Only two Rightist aircraft commenced the attack, circling the city at 2.40 p.m. and peppering the north-western section. Soon afterwards the artillery participated.

Two Rightist planes were downed near Getafe, the loyalists claim.—*United Press*.

Intensive Fighting

Salamanca, Dec. 22.

A Rightist communiqué states that hostilities have been intensified on all fronts.

In Cordoba, it is stated, Nationalists captured three villages, inflicting heavy casualties.

In Aragon, the insurgents captured Coruna, in a surprise dawn attack. The Rightists repulsed the Leftists in the Leon sector.—*United Press*.

Attacks Repulsed

Madrid, Dec. 22.

Government forces claim to have repulsed repeated insurgent attacks during the past week and to have gained successes in counter-attacks, retaking the village of Boadilla del Monte and capturing six tanks and many prisoners.

The insurgent air raids over the capital continue.—*Reuter Bulletin Service*.

Railway Bombed

Gibraltar, Dec. 22.

A radio broadcast by General Del Lano, at Seville, has been picked up here. The Nationalist leader stated that Leftist fliers had bombed the Lucena Railway station and also the town of Baeza, slaying several civilians.

Rightist troops, he announced, had repulsed a Leftist attack at Villa Real, killing 60.—*United Press*.

Italy's Loss

London, Dec. 22.

It is authoritatively learned that the Loyalist Government has denounced the Italo-Spanish Quick-silver Cartel Treaty, expiring December 31, indicating it will not be renewed.

It is learned that negotiations are under way whereby a London agency will handle the output of the Almaden quicksilver mines.—*United Press*.

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75 Feared Dead In Mine Blast

Eagle Pass, Dec. 22.

This Texas town has heard reports that at least 75 miners have been killed in an explosion in a coal mine 90 miles south-west of Piedra Negra, Mexico.—*Reuter*.

TROTSKY FLEES TO MEXICO

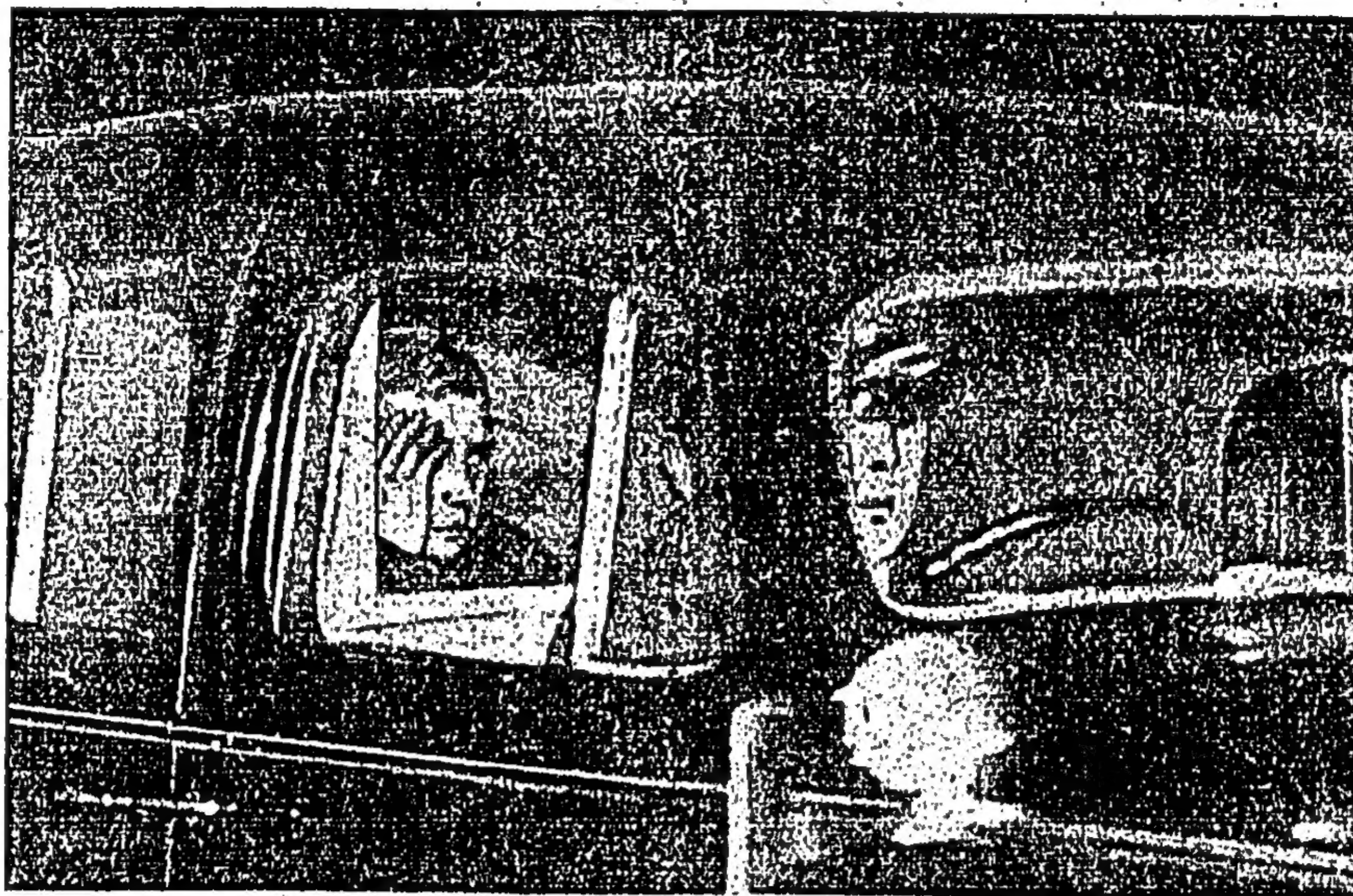
NO SANCTUARY IN NORWAY NOW

Oslo, Dec. 23.

M. Leon Trotsky, the Russian revolutionary leader, banished by the Russian Government, is already on his way to Mexico.

He has boarded a steamer, whose name is not disclosed, which sailed Saturday.—*Reuter*.

HISTORIC PICTURE OF EX-KING



One of the last pictures of ex-King Edward VIII taken before he left England in the early morning of December 12. His Royal Highness is seen returning from Windsor to Fort Belvedere after his broadcast message from the Castle on December 11.

Sir Miles Lampson Elevated

London, Dec. 22.

Sir Miles Lampson, following the successful conclusion of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, has been appointed Ambassador at Cairo.

This announcement was made with the exchange of ratifications of the treaty, and the former High Commissioner will take post to-morrow.

Sir Miles was Ambassador to China for some years.—*Reuter*.

MIGHTY BRITISH AIRLINER

BUILT FOR SERVICE OVER ATLANTIC

London, Dec. 22.

One of the arrivals expected at Southampton to-day is the Imperial Airways' new liner, *Caledonia*.

She is the latest type of long distance machine, constructed specially for the proposed Atlantic service.

The machine flew yesterday from Alexandria to Marseilles, non-stop, taking 11½ hours for the voyage.

She is flying direct to Southampton from Marseilles.—*Reuter Bulletin Service*.

FINE FEAT

London, Dec. 22.

Imperial Airways' new long-range Empire flying-boat left Southampton on Friday for Egypt and returned to Southampton from Alexandria to-day, having covered the single journey of 2,200 miles in two days. She brought home over half a ton of mail. The only halt on the homeward flight was at Marseilles.—*British Wireless*.

Queen Mary Suffers In Ocean Gale

30 PASSENGERS HURT; 2 SEAMEN DIE

Southampton, Dec. 22.

The Cunard-White Star flagship, the Queen Mary, fastest passenger ship on the Atlantic run, was thirteen hours late when she docked here to-day.

The giant ship had suffered the most severe buffeting in her time afloat. It was an uncomfortable Christmas voyage. From 20 to 30 passengers were slightly injured.

Two members of the crew died at sea, due to heart failure.—*United Press*.

RUSSIANS DEMAND REVENGE

SHIPPING MUST BE PROTECTED WORKERS OFFER THEIR LIVES

Moscow, Dec. 22.

While authoritative quarters remain silent concerning action contemplated over the alleged sinking of the Soviet steamer *Komsomol* by Spanish insurgent forces, the storm of protest and anger among the public is growing.

Moscow workers have passed a resolution demanding that the Government should despatch "warships to protect our trade ships."

Baltic and Black Sea sailors' organisations have appealed to the world seamen to "raise a mighty wave of protest against the besetting of Fascist bandits."

The workers at Kharkov have started a public fund to build five cruisers and ten merchant ships.—*Reuter*.

REVENGE DEMANDED

Moscow, Dec. 22.

Hundreds of workers' resolutions are flooding the capital, demanding that the Government avenge the sinking of the Soviet steamer *Komsomol* by Spanish rebels.

Seamen's groups send assurances that "we are willing to give our lives to defend the country at any moment."—*United Press*.

BRITISH FINANCES

London, Dec. 22.

Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £428,093,333, compared with £423,678,470 at the corresponding date last year. The increase in British imports this year is reflected in a Customs yield of £53,140,000, against £41,155,000 for the same period of last year. Total ordinary expenditure is £482,082,522, compared with £439,653,700 at the corresponding date of 1935.—*British Wireless*.



Level officers and men man this 15,000-ton warship, Spain's Jaime Primo, which has been attacked by aircraft, submarines and cruisers since the civil war's outbreak. Damaged from time to time, she now keeps close to port and does not often risk engagements with rebel craft and a possible torpedo in her vital.

Seek Check To Intervention In Spain's War

London, Dec. 22.

A sub-committee of the International Non-Intervention Committee, organised to prevent the spread of the civil war in Spain, has drafted recommendations for the consideration of the plenary session to-morrow.

It has been decided to appoint technical sub-committees to examine various aspects of indirect intervention, including foreign recruiting, and to consider the establishment of a system of supervision of imports in Spain.—*Reuter*.

Pope Pius Broadcasts To-morrow

Rome, Dec. 22.

His Holiness the Pope will broadcast Christmas Eve over 19.84 metres, speaking in Italian, and translations will follow in other languages, including English. The exact times for his broadcast have not yet been fixed.

When his Holiness broadcasts his physician, Dr. Milani, will stand at his bedside, ready to give aid if necessary.

Pope Pius is expected to spend about half an hour propped up with pillows.

Cardinal Pacelli will also be at his bedside.

His Holiness, although it is expected he will remain in bed for another three or four weeks, will receive Cardinal Pacelli and other visitors daily.—*Reuter*.

GOMEZ CITED

Havana, Dec. 22.

A Senate Committee has formally cited Senor Gomez to appear to-morrow to answer the House of Representatives' impeachment.—*United Press*.

WANG ON WAY BACK TO CHINA

HURRIES TO AID AGAINST CRISIS CHIANG MUST BE SAVED

Genoa, Dec. 23.

Early this morning, Dr. Wang Ching-wei, former Foreign Minister of China, was aboard the German liner Potsdam sailing for his native land to bear a part in the crisis which has arisen since the kidnapping of the noted leader, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

He was responding to an appeal from the Nanking Government when he boarded ship last night and sailed for Shanghai.

Just before he left, Dr. Wang stated that China's struggle against internal trouble and external menace depended for success on the leadership of Marshal Chiang. They should therefore do their utmost to secure the early restoration of his freedom.

He added that on his return to China he would lend himself to the effort to steer the country through the present crisis.—*Reuter*.

URGENT APPEALS

Genoa, Dec. 22.

Dr. Wang Ching-wei, noted Chinese statesman, who came to Europe some months ago to recover from wounds inflicted by a would-be assassin, is sailing for China immediately, although his health is far from stalwart. He goes, he said to-day, "in response to urgent telegraphic appeals from the Central Government."

"For the past few years," he explained, "China has been struggling in the face of internal difficulties and external aggression, to put herself in order, to effect unity of purpose, in order to prepare for the ultimate sacrifice in defence of the national independence. China's struggle depends for much of its success on the leadership of Chiang Kai-shek. We should therefore do our utmost to assure his safety and early restoration to freedom."—*United Press*.

No Objection To Retention Of Cruisers

REPLIES FROM U.S. AND JAPAN

London, Dec. 22.

In accordance with an announcement made in the House of Commons last Thursday by the First Lord of the Admiralty, formal notification has now been conveyed to the United States and Japanese Embassies in London of the intention of the United Kingdom Government, in view of the existing international situation and of the requirements of national security, to have recourse to Article XXI of the London Naval Treaty in order to retain five cruisers of sub-category B.

The cruisers to be retained are the Cardiff, Ceres, Caledon, Calypso and Caradoc. The total of excess tonnage is 20,270.

It is understood His Majesty's Government has undertaken the vessels will be retained for the maximum period of five years peace service and will be used not as cruisers but as anti-aircraft ships, which will involve substitution of lighter for existing armament of six-inch guns.

When Sir Samuel Hoare made his Commons announcement last week, he informed the House that the United States Government had already indicated it would raise no objection to the course proposed. He added that although no final answer had yet been received from Tokyo there was reason to believe the Japanese Government also would not object. The Japanese reply, which has since been received, was in the favourable terms anticipated.—*British Wireless*.

Strike's End Still Distant

MAY TAKE WEEKS TO BRING SETTLEMENT

San Francisco, Dec. 22.

Authoritative quarters said to-day that a settlement of the maritime strike "is mechanically impossible in less than three weeks."

Attention is drawn to the fact that the unions must deal separately with the deep sea, steam schooner and Alaska operators, and that any agreements must be ratified. All this takes a considerable time.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Frances Perkins, the Minister of Labour, is expected to make "an important announcement" from Washington in a day or two.—*United Press*.

HURRIES BACK TO CHINA



DR. WANG CHING-WEI

has been hastily summoned to Nanking from his European convalescent tour in view of the crisis which has followed the detention of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek by rebels under Chang Hsueh-liang.

Marshal's Entourage Slaughtered

Nanking, Dec. 23.

It is officially announced that 46 out of the 62 officers constituting Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's entourage were killed in the clash preceding Chiang's detention by Chang Hsueh-liang.

4 p.m. to 4 a.m. FROCKS

"WHAT shall I wear at winter parties?" That is the question that I am most asked just now.

Some readers want to hear about frocks for dinners and dances; others for cinemas and "little" evenings at home or Bridging with friends; there is a big demand, too, for frocks that can make their bow with equal glamour between 4 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Luckily for the four-to-four o'clocks, fashion has provided for just what they want this season. Long sleeves and high necks are *de rigueur* for the evening. What really differentiates between a day frock and an evening one this winter is the length of the skirt. So if you have a long-skirted frock, either with or without a train, you are safe in putting it in the four-to-four category.

THE third figure in the Angrave sketch here shows a lovely cocktail-dinner-evening frock.

To-day's Menu

TOMATO SOUP
ROAST WILD DUCK
ORANGE SALAD
SUMMER PUDDING

CHOOSE nice firm little tomatoes, quite ripe, empty them and fill them up with finely chopped hard-boiled egg mixed with mashed sardines and moistened with some of the tomato pulp. Season well with cayenne.

Serve with the roasted duck a salad of plain lettuce on which are arranged peeled sections of raw orange. Dress with French dressing or mayonnaise.

Plums, which are so plentiful, will form an excellent base for the summer pudding, which is so much better when made with stale cake than with bread!

The long, slim, slightly-trained skirt is of velvet mounted on a silk top and the tunic, cut on the latest up-in-the-front down-at-the-back line, is made of tree-bark satin—a supple and lovely material that looks almost like lame.

There is such a big choice in evening frocks that the most hard to please amongst us



could not fail to find something to "enthuse" about.

ANOTHER cocktail-dinner-evening frock that I specially picked out is made of taffeta.

You can see in the sketch how smart it looks, with Elizabethan-like collar, important puff sleeves and diamante corsage ornament. The flared skirt is just the newest thing.

For dances and ceremonial occasions the styles are nearly out into a beautiful sunray pleated flounce, is slimming to a degree. The long-ended sash or taffeta or slipper satin; or

dresses with graceful, slinky lines of lames and metal brocades, supple satins and crepes; or exquisitely airy fairy affairs in chiffon.

Chiffon is so essentially soft and youth-making that I prophesy it will be a best-seller. Look at the seated figure in the sketch. The soft pleated flounce that outlines the décolletage is very becoming; the diagonal pin-tucking reaching to just above the knees, where the frock flutes

Another pretty chiffon dance frock, has a plain, sleeveless V-necked top with a dear little detachable cape trimmed with flounces to match the flounced hem of the skirt. This dress has a crepe slip.

In flame colour or royal blue this frock could be gracefully worn by the older woman as well as the quite young girl; while in snow-drift white it's the perfect debutante dance frock.

It's mounted on a staffeta slip, which is the best insurance against its ever looking "tired" even at four in the morning.

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"A" IS FOR "APPLE"

THOSE of us who have a few fruit trees, and those others who have the chance to buy apples cheaply, will possibly like to be reminded of a few ways of using them profitably. So this week I am giving three ways of preserving apples, and a pleasant apple dish.

Apple Ginger

PEEL and core the apples and then weigh them.

For every pound of apples allow a pound of sugar and half a pint of water. When preparing the apples, cut them in gradually in the puree, then boil sections as much the same size as you cut them into cold water to prevent their turning brown.

Meanwhile boil the water and sugar together until you have a nice syrup, flavor with ginger essence until it is as gingery as you like, then drain the apple sections and cook them gently in the syrup until they are transparent. When done, lift them carefully into pots or glasses and pour the syrup over them. Lemon juice and rind can be used to flavour the syrup as well, if liked.

Apple Cheese

THIS kind of thick, jammy jelly is very good for keeping as a winter sweet, and if you store it in pots which will easily turn out, you will be able to have some of these cheeses for an emergency sweet.

Wash and cut up some good cooking apples and cook them in a little water, or with elder, until they are a soft pulp. Then rub them through a sieve, put the puree back into the pan and continue to cook it, stirring all the time, until it is thick. Then measure it, and for each pint allow three-quarters of a pound of sugar, a quarter teaspoonful of ground cloves and the same of powdered cinnamon. Let the sugar dissolve

MINT is difficult to get in wintertime, and most people like mint sauce with lamb or mutton. I think mint jelly is much nicer, and here is a recipe for it.

Make some apple juice, by washing and cutting up some apples without peeling them, putting them into a pan with enough cold water to cover them, then bringing slowly to the boil and boiling gently until they are soft. Strain through a jelly bag all night.

Measure the juice and boil it with some sprigs of fresh mint tied together until it has the minty flavour you require, then take out the mint, add three-quarters of a pound of sugar to each pint of juice and boil until it sets. A little green vegetable colouring will improve the appearance of the jelly.

Friar's Omelette

STEW two pounds of apples with the rind and juice of a lemon and about two ounces of sugar. When done, add about an ounce of butter and two well-beaten eggs. Coat a pie-dish with crumbs, put in the apple mixture and cover with more crumbs and a buttered paper. Bake from thirty to forty minutes, and turn out when cooked.

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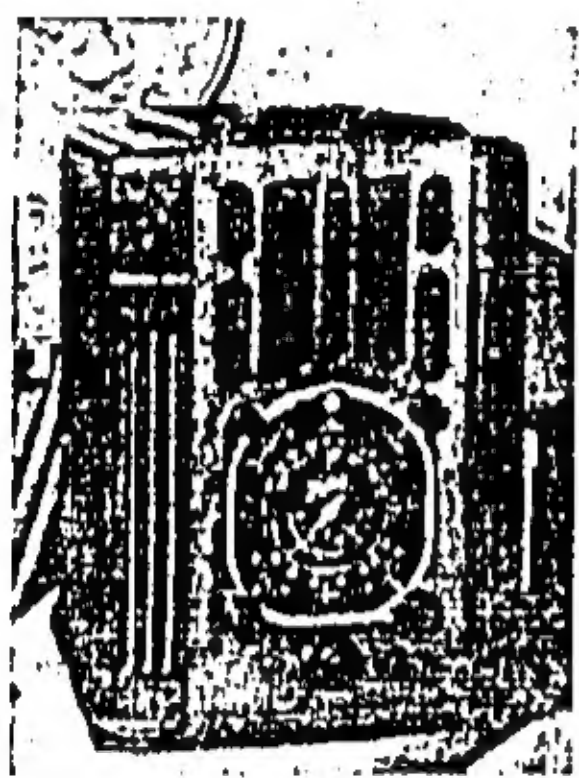


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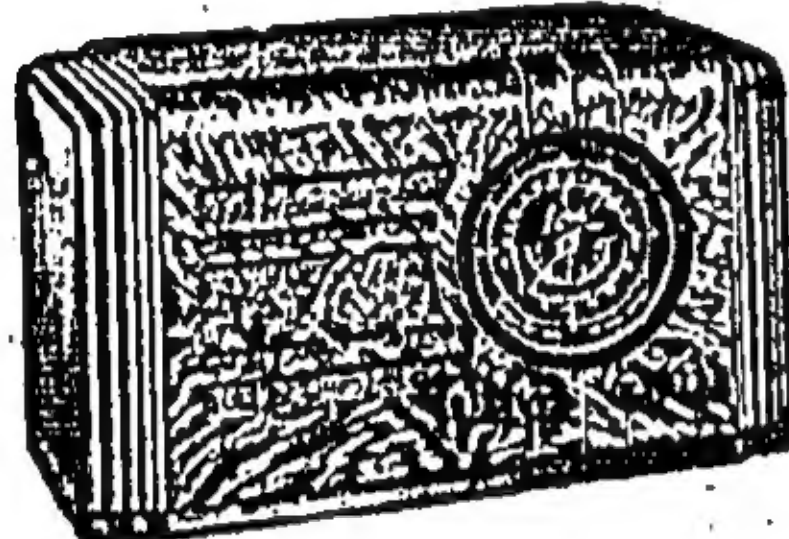
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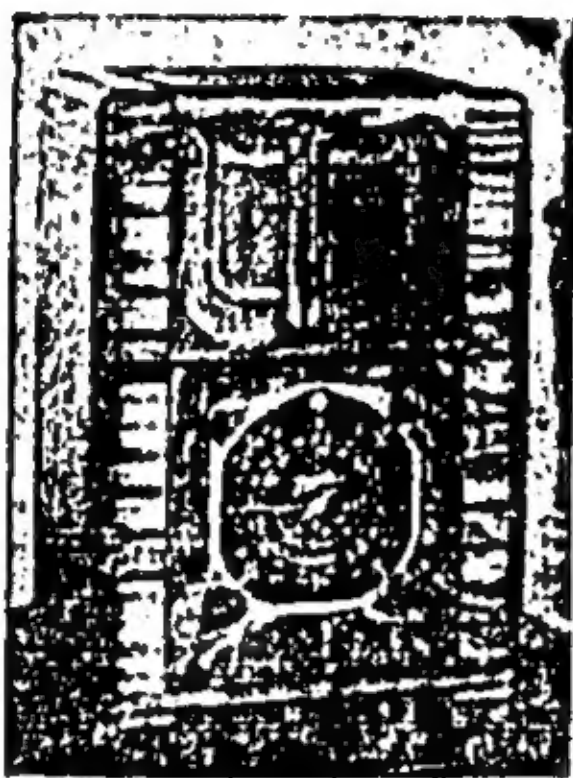


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CINEMA
NOTES

One of the strangest and most unusual mystery dramas to come to the screen, "Murder by an Aristocrat," is showing to-day at the King's Theatre for the first time locally. Based on one of the most popular novels by Mignon G. Eberhart, the picture is packed with thrills and exciting incidents that keep spectators on the edge of their seats with suspense. There is a talented cast which is headed by Lyle Talbot and Marguerite Churchill in the romantic roles, with Claire Dodd again portraying a sirene. The plot involves the murder of the black sheep member of a proud, aristocratic family. Talbot, usually seen in heavy parts, has the heroic and romantic role in this picture. He gives an exceptionally fine performance, being quite as much at home in this characterization as in his villainous parts. Miss Churchill's performance is both capable and artistic. Claire Dodd gives a fine portrayal of a coldly calculating although passionate woman. Gordon Elliott plays the part of her husband, John Eldredge, that of her lover, Virginia Brissac, famous stage star, is superb as the sinister head of the family who is willing to sacrifice her life to save the family honour. Others who do fine work include Joseph Crehan, Florence Fair, William Davidson, Stuart Holmes, Lottie Williams, Mary Treen, Milton Kibbee and Henry Otto.

"Too Tough To Kill"

Dynamite and colourful, Columbia's "Too Tough To Kill," which features Jory and Sally O'Neill, showing to-day at the Alhambra Theatre, is a robust story of a courageous and unwary engineer, played by Jory, who fights the elements of nature and a gang of murderers to complete a tunnel project within a set time. When cave-ins, explosions, landslides and deaths occur with too frequent regularity on the project Victor Jory, as John O'Hara, is put in charge of the project. At the same time Ann Miller, a beautiful and competent newspaper reporter, played by Sally O'Neill, is sent to construction camp by her paper, which is supporting the project, to discover what is holding back progress. When Miss O'Neill discovers that the chief assistant is planning to murder a group of miners working deep in the mine, and kill Jory as well in the catastrophe by exploding a charge of dynamite in order to stop work on the project, it is Miss O'Neill who races into the tunnel to save the miners and the man she realizes she loves. Fine acting is featured in every scene of the picture and the work of virile Victor Jory who has a hard fist for tough guys is outstanding. Miss O'Neill's performance is charming and capable. The fast tempo director Ross Sederman maintained throughout the picture gives "Too Tough To Kill" a nerve and pulsating robustness. Ward Bond, Thurston Hall, Gene Morgan, Frank Rice, Robert Gleckler and Johnny Arthur are included in the supporting cast.

"The Poor Little Rich Girl"

Shirley Temple comes again—in "The Poor Little Rich Girl," the tiny star's new hit, it will be the Christmas attraction for the Oriental Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, a new milestone in entertainment. For definitely, the talented temple miss is said to give the performance of her life in this new film and, to top it off, she's surrounded by a veritable gallery of Hollywood's brightest stars including Alice Faye, Gloria Stuart, Jack Hally and Mickey Whalen. Add to the star and the cast a modern, stirring, romantic story and five bubbling new song hits by those ace composers, Mack Gordon and Harry Revel, and you have a few of the reasons why "The Poor Little Rich Girl" is being hailed so highly. Shirley is said to perform astonishing dances that top everything she has ever done before and she sings five new songs including "When I'm With You," "But Definitely," "You Gotta Eat Your Spinach, Baby," "Oh, My Goodness" and "Military Man."

"The Law In Her Hands"

"The Law In Her Hands," the first National comedy drama, which was shown at the Majestic Theatre yesterday, is a thoroughly entertaining picture, crammed full of thrilling incidents, fast action, hilarious comedy situations and a glamorous romance. The story is woven about the operations of two women lawyers, who after nearly starving to death as honest and upright barristers, decide the whole game is one of tricks and go in for criminal law, becoming rich and successful as the "mouthpieces" of a band of racketeers. Margaret Lindsay and Glenda Farrell do exceptionally fine teamwork as the women attorneys, the two acting as foils to each other by their extreme contrast. Miss Lindsay, a dignified brunette, is calm and precise in her work while Miss Farrell, a blonde beauty, is a fezzant, wise-cracking chiseler, out for everything she can get by hook or crook. Warren Hull, former radio star, proves that he is as talented an actor as singer. He is a capable leading man. The heavy role of the boss gangster, is excellently portrayed by Lyle Talbot. Eddie Acuff does some clever comedy work as a process server for the lawyers. Al Shean, formerly of Gallagher and Shean, Matty Fain, Eddie Shubert and Mabel Colcord also add to the humour of the picture. Others in the cast include Dick Purcell, Joseph Crehan, Addison Richards, Bill Kibbee and Billy Fain. William Clemens has done an excellent job of directing. The screen play is by George Bricker and Luci Ward.



Shirley Temple and Michael Whalen in "The Poor Little Rich Girl," showing at the Oriental Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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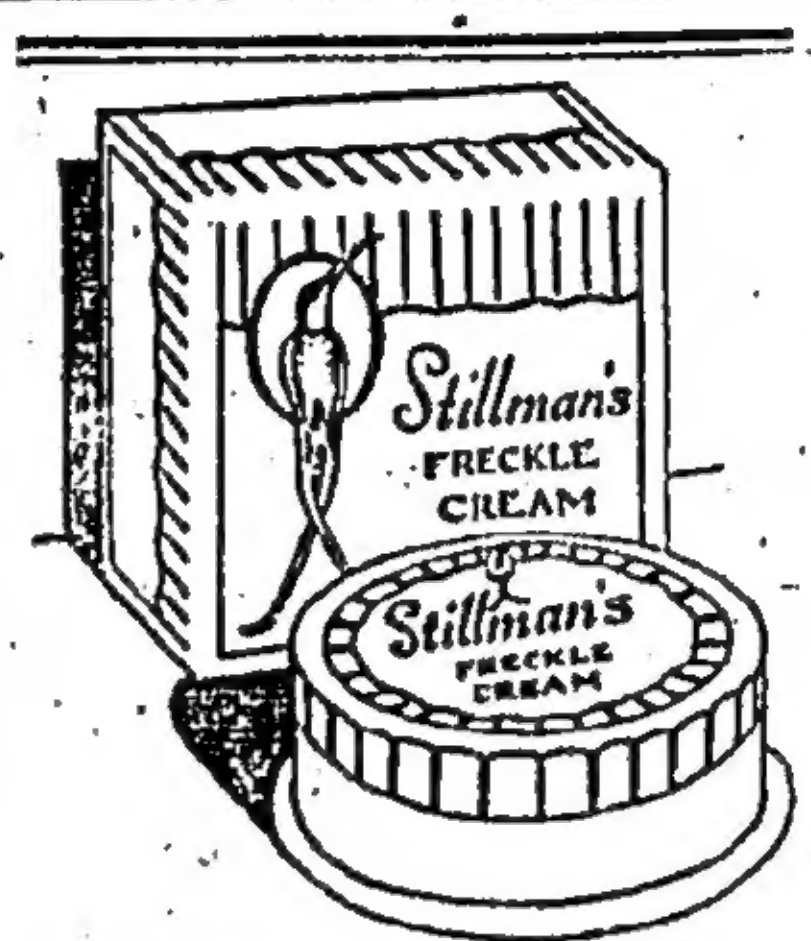
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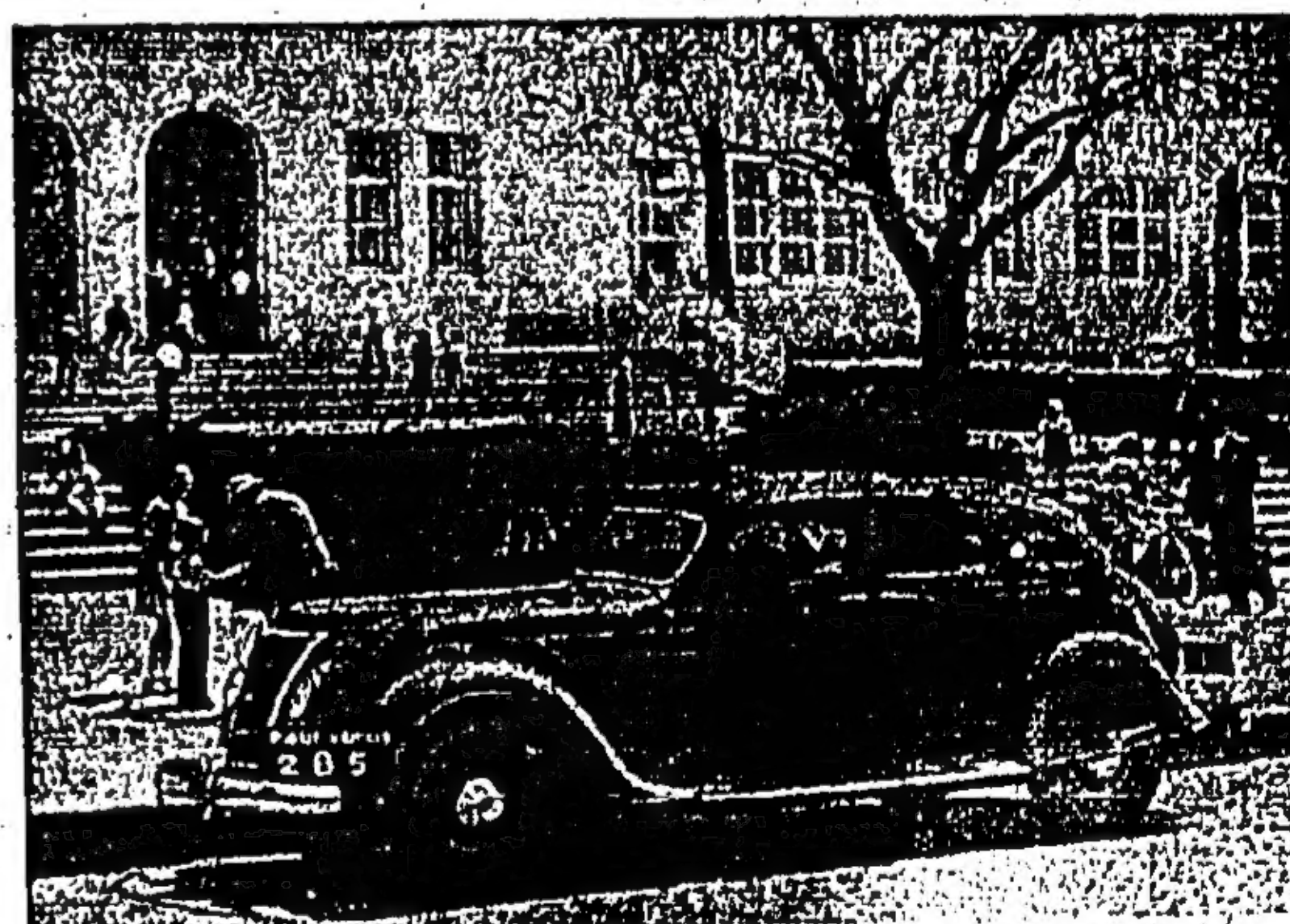
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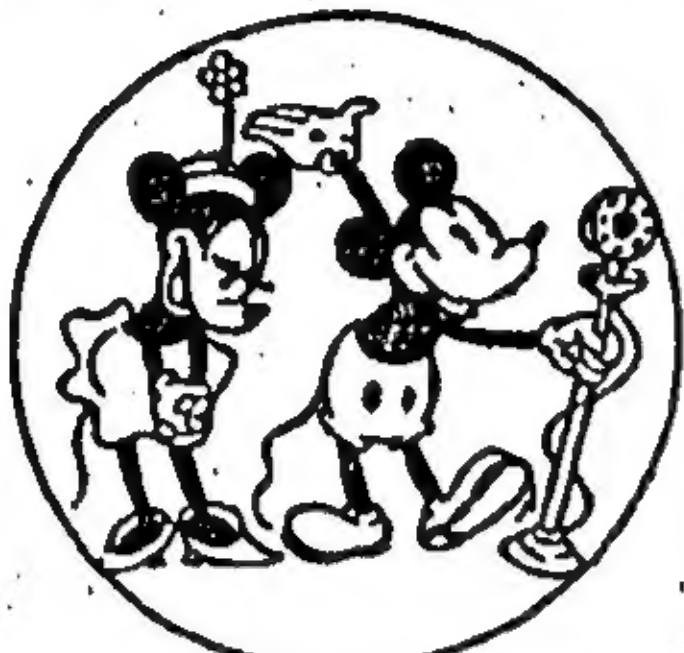
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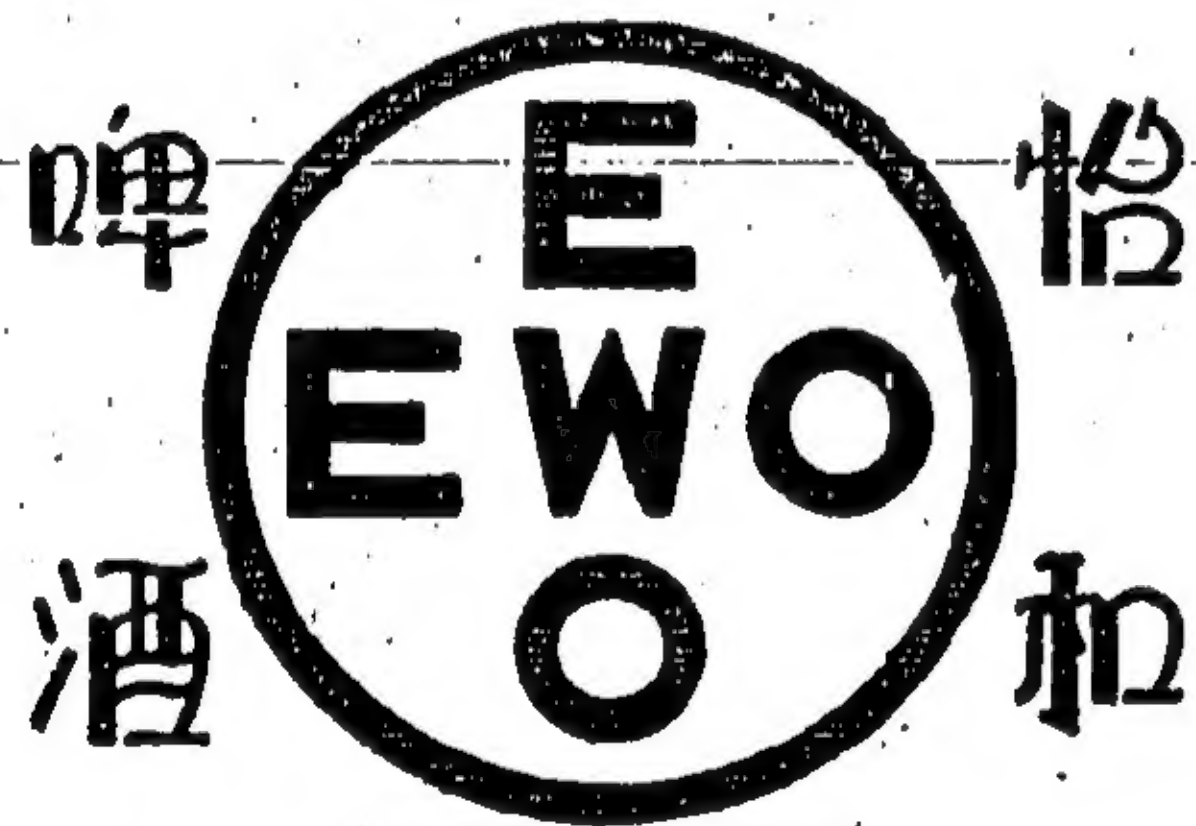
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SCHOOLMISTRESS ATTACKS EXAMS

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She attacked the competitive examination in her address to the Association at its annual meeting at Livingstone Hall, Westminster this month.

She described as "pernicious" the effect of these examinations which children had to face at ten years of age.

"If the child is successful and wins his place at the expense of other children," Miss Bransom said, "then the examination grind begins again, for our whole educational system is permeated with it."

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She asked for equality in education—pictured an educational system in which all schools would be equal in status and excellence and attended by all children in common.

She said: "If we can afford to spend hundreds of thousands a year on producing and training horses and dogs that will run faster than any other horses and dogs have ever run before, we can, I suggest, afford to give every child in this country the best chance of living fully and happily this life which has, after all, been thrust upon him."

An educated democracy was the

vital need of every country to-day. It was only in the schools that the power of right judgment could be developed and consolidated.

Miss Bransom is the association's fourth woman president in 48 years.

SCIENCE RANKS CATS AS POOR RAT CATCHERS

Ithaca, Dec. 20. Only a few small female cats are more efficient ratlers than are large females, says a Cornell University bulletin on "The Control of Rats."

"It is an unusual cat that will tackle a full-grown rat," the bulletin pointed out.

"The rat's ferocity and vigour in defence is so great that most house cats, though glad to catch the young, pause to reckon before attacking a full-grown rat."

"While many persons think of the cat as a rat catcher, their opinions are based largely on the premise that if the cat catches and kills a half dozen rats a year that they see, then the actual number slaughtered must be much larger."

Dogs, according to the bulletin, make the best rat catchers. A single terrier, the bulletin pointed out, has been credited with killing more than one thousand rats in a year.—United Press.

"Muscle" Plane

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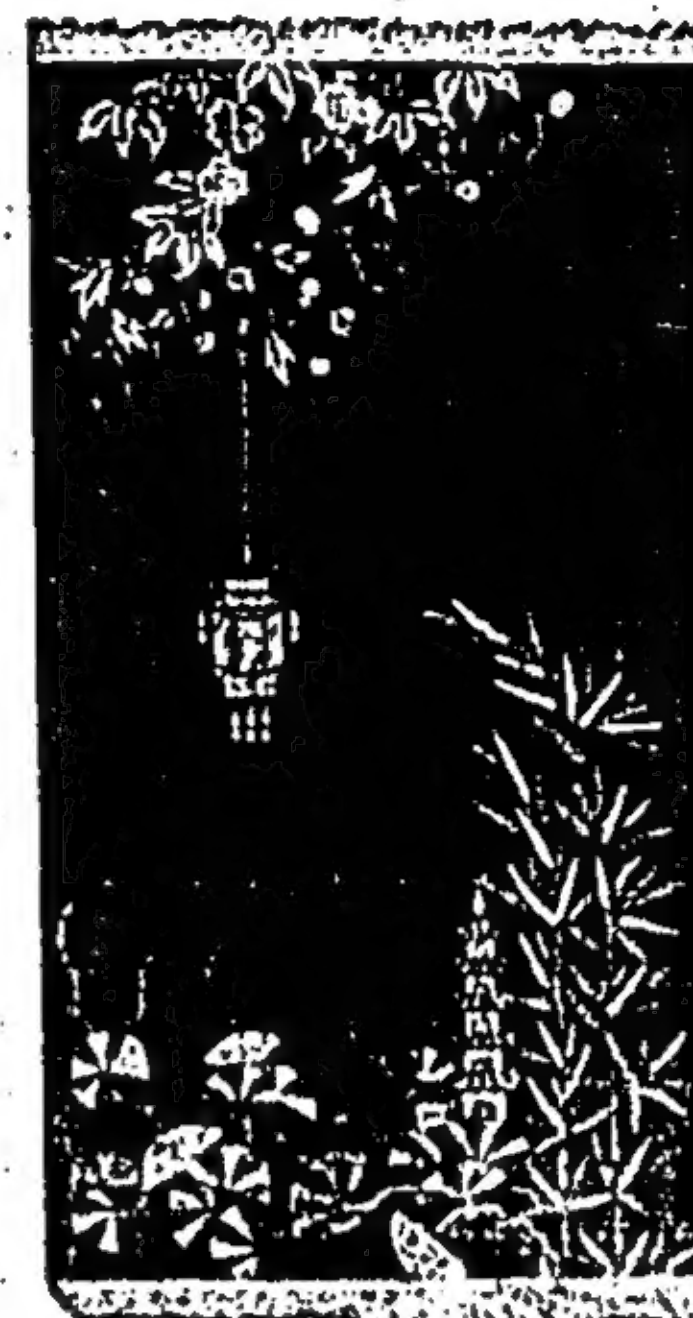
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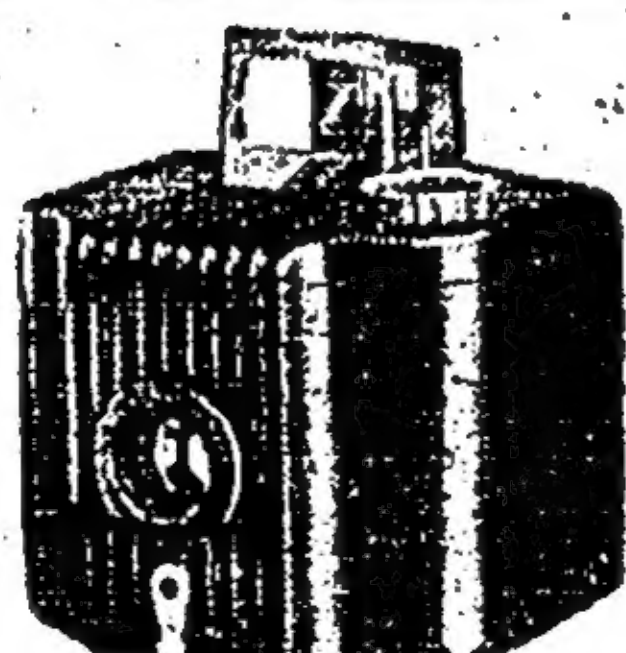
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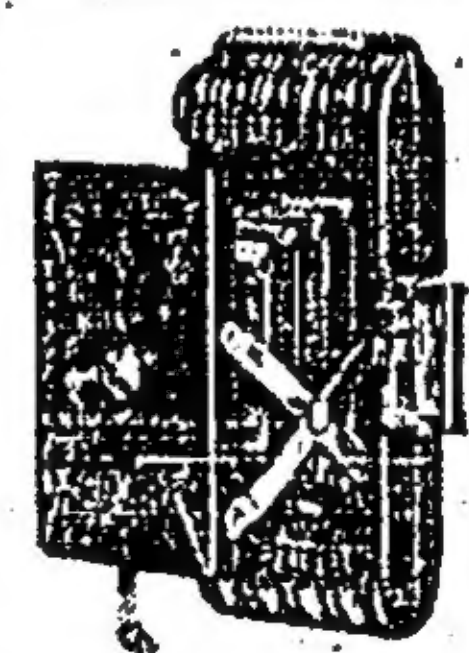
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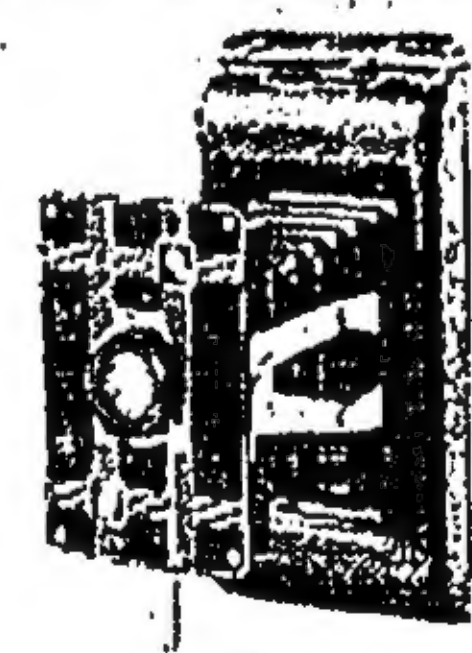
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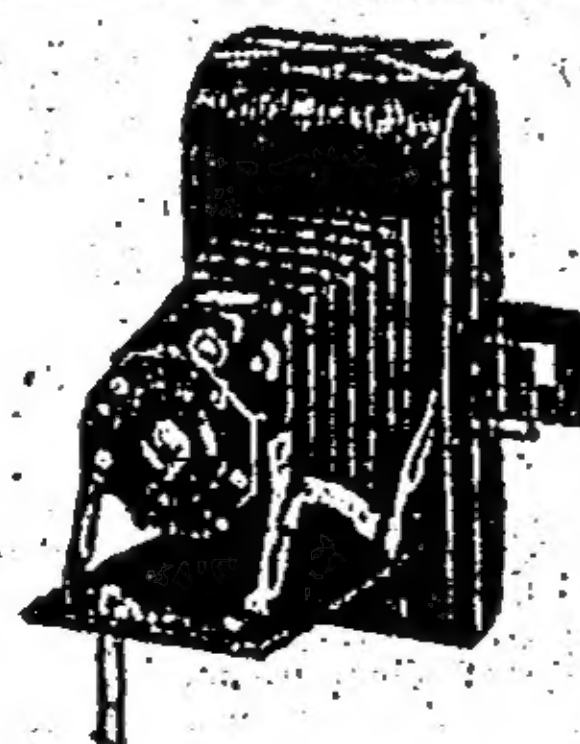
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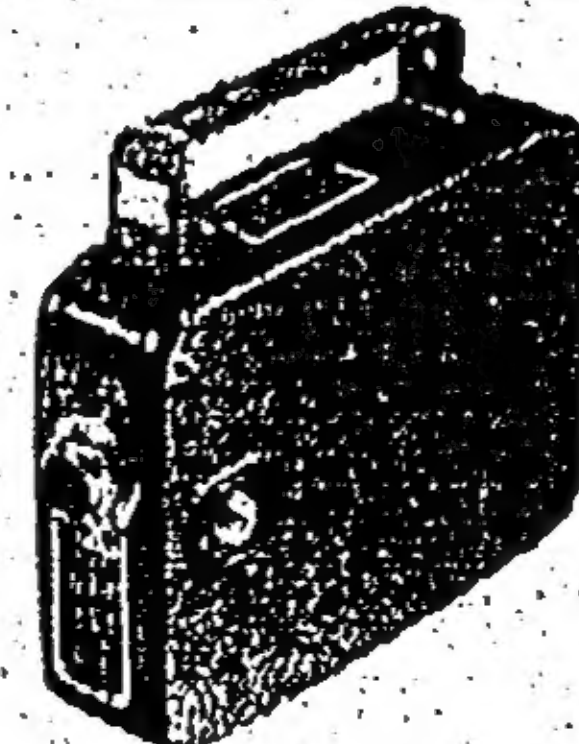
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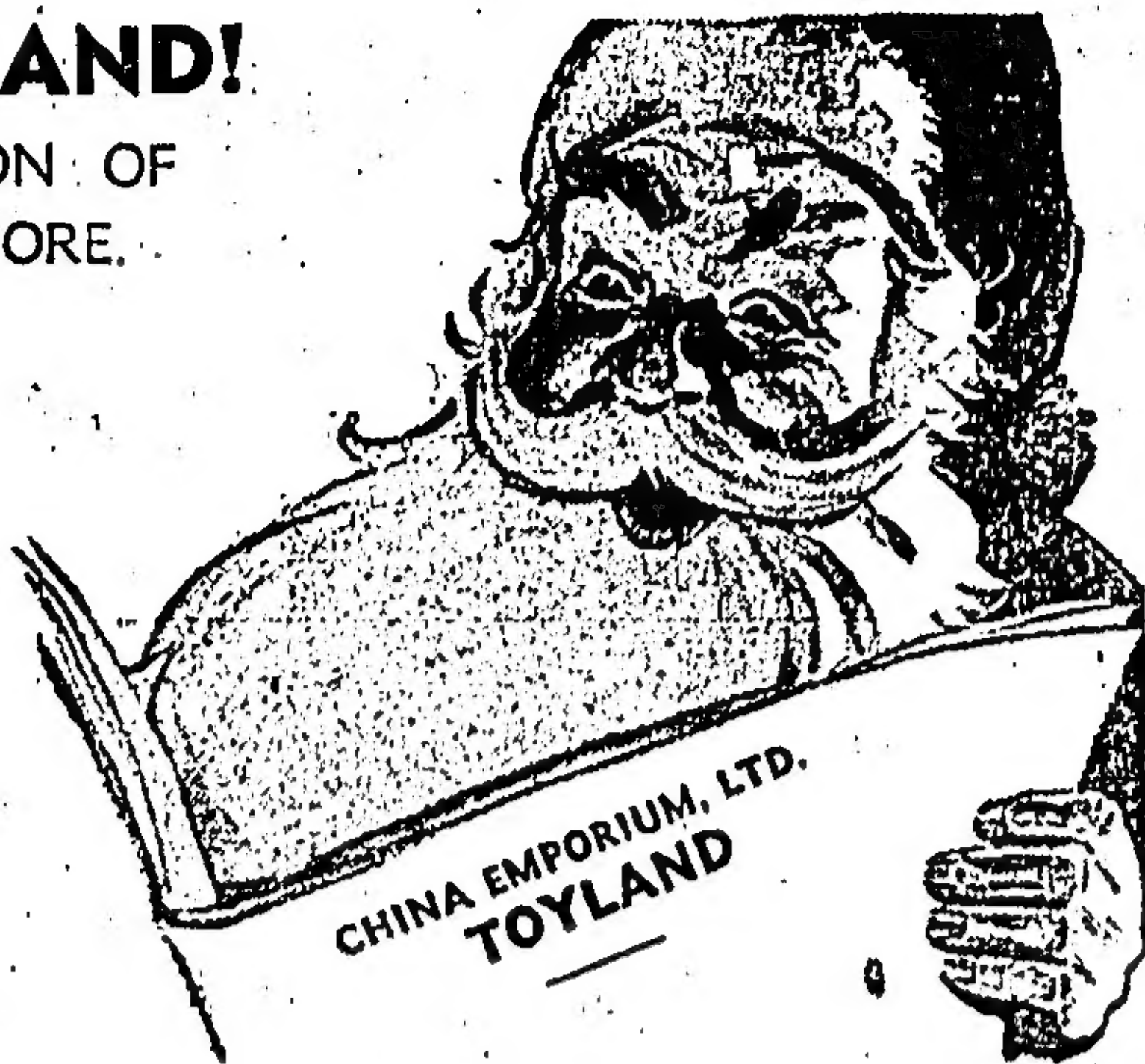
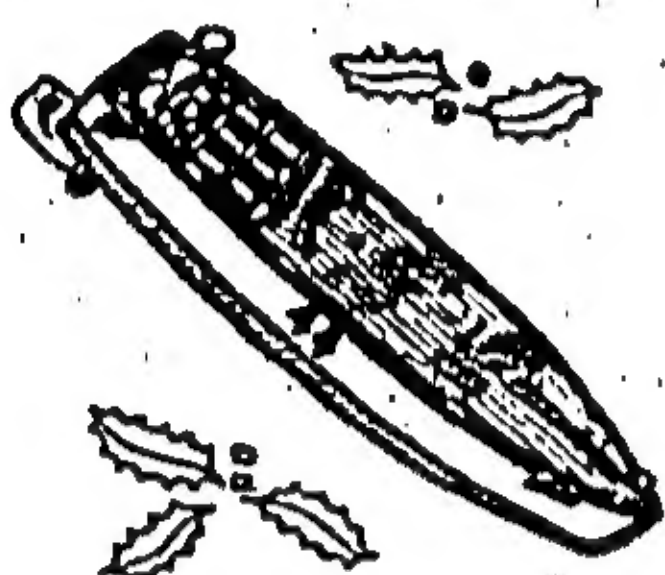
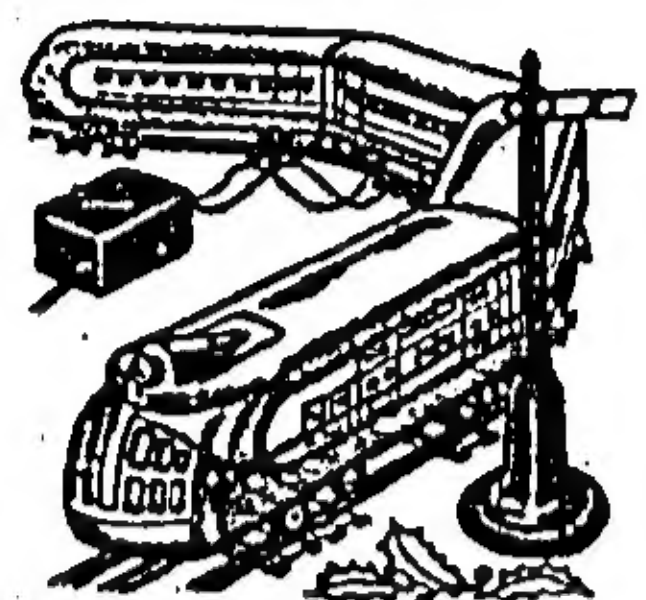
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Among the stolen jewellery was an £8,000 pearl necklace.

The Princess of Nepal was in the house at the time the upper rooms were being ransacked.

An officer of the Nepalese Legation stated: "Apparently only the bedrooms were touched. We have notified the C.I.D."

Prince Bishnu is a son of the late Maharajah, who died in 1929, and a cousin of the Nepalese Minister in London.

COUNT RESENTS WEDDING RUMOURS

New York, Dec. 20.

WHILE entertaining the beautiful Cuban girl, Miss Marta Roenfort, at a night club recently, Count Covadonga, the eldest son of King Alfonso, was asked if he intended to marry her.

The count's suit for the annulment of his present marriage is pending in the courts here.

Miss Roenfort is said to have remarked, "Why not tell them? They all know I am going to marry you as soon as you are free."

To-day Count Covadonga declared that Marta has been misquoted. "I think I have just as much right as any other man to go out with whom I please," he said.

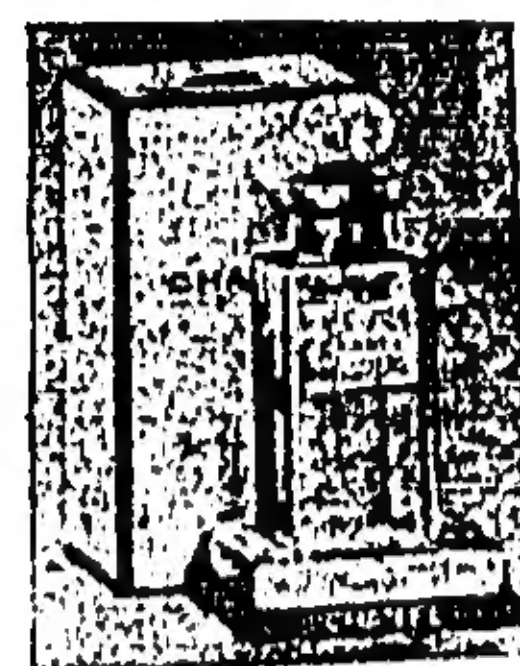
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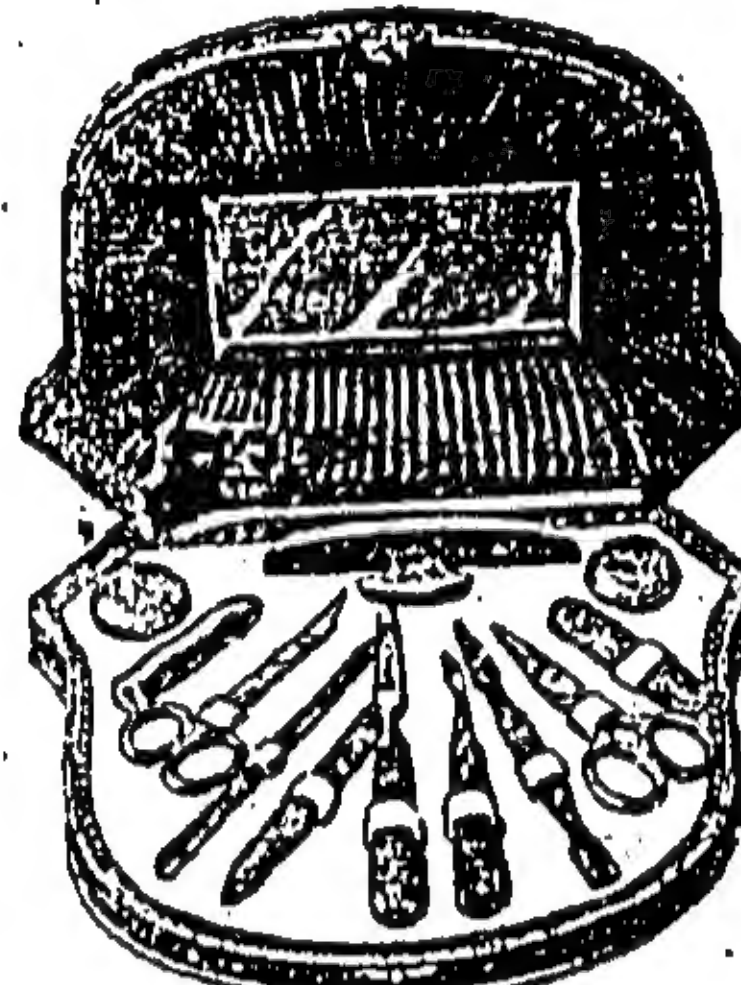
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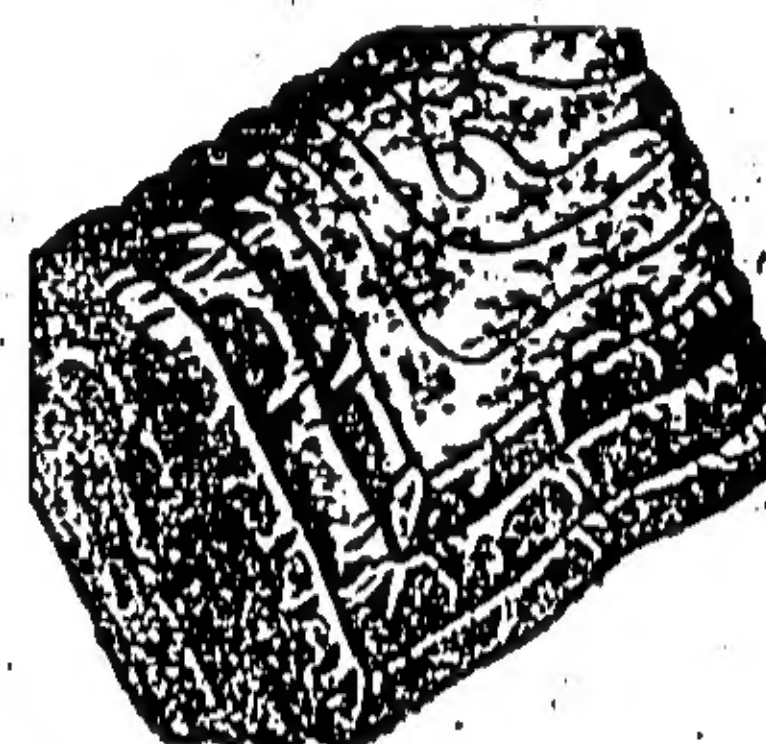
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DEATH.

DA SILVA.—At her residence 23,
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da Silva, at the age of 61 years.
Funeral will pass the monument
to-day at 8.15 p.m. (Manila
papers please copy).

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1936.

AN EXAMPLE TO HONGKONG

It is given to relatively few individuals to amass large fortunes and to fewer still to make wise use of their accumulated wealth. Lord Nuffield, the British motor magnate, comes within both these categories. He has already made huge benefactions to education and medical research, and has now followed up these gifts with a sum of two million sterling for the benefit of those who are suffering dire hardships in the depressed areas. In making this gift, Lord Nuffield realises that there is a limit to what the Government can do at this juncture, when there are so many pressing calls on the public purse. The contribution which he has so generously made does high credit to his humanitarian instincts. The thought suggests itself that here is an example which could be more widely followed by men of wealth—even here in Hongkong. Much has been heard latterly of the terrible plight of the children of poverty-stricken parents in this Colony, whose needs are only partially met by charitable organisations. In the absence of any large-scale Government social service, the problem remains largely in the hands of these bodies. It is to be conceded that if a year's contributions paid into all the Colony's charitable societies were totalled up, the sum would be startlingly large, but it remains a fact, as was stressed by a speaker at the recent meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children, that the money comes from a relatively circumscribed section of the community, the same names constantly recurring in published lists. A further point to be emphasised is that the donors are not, for the most part, those blessed with abundant wealth, although there are some outstanding examples to the contrary. If we take the normal contributions to these various societies, it will be found that whilst they aggregate a big sum in the course of the year, they suffice only for purely ameliorative work, leaving the core of a big social problem largely untouched. Major treatment of the evil is impossible from this source. The Government, as we all know, cannot at present allocate big sums for this work, and, as H.E. the Governor indicated a few days ago, there is little prospect that it will be able eventually to



Giving the Game Away

YESTERDAY we played charades, and trying against time to stuff a bolster underneath my waistcoat it struck me as odd that I should feel so satisfied with myself for gratuitously increasing my girth.

Odd, because in the cold, clear light of my bathroom I watch a similar, though more gradual, process with alarm. Odd, because I really did feel an important part of the universe as I barged my way among tittering children with my hands spread comfortably above an artificial paunch.

Nor was this just some eccentricity of my own, for I noticed an aunt who had hitched a chenille curtain to her shoulders and knotted a doormat into a turban round her head was suffering from a similar onset of self-importance.

"Quite honestly," I said, when she solicited my admiration, "quite honestly, no, you don't look remotely like a sultan. You look more or less like anyone else who cared to parade in one of my curtains."

"But there's something," she said. "You must admit there's an air, a sort of distinction about it, because, at any rate, I feel exactly like a sultan." And it was true. If she didn't look like a sultan, she looked as though she felt like one.

AFTERWARDS, when we had duly appeared in all the glory of our head-dresses and flowing robes, I helped a nephew to detach himself from his beard, and this struck me again how odd this business was.

For 364 days of the year we success would be greeted with grovel obediently to an iron set of laws which govern how we shall dress; Britons, lulled by ugliness as an alternative disguise to beauty, and accept it will be slaves, more abjectly with the sort of satisfaction than foreigners; men, priding themselves on their manhood, on a hopelessly distorted belly? more supinely than women. And on day No. 365, for no apparent reason, the laws are suspended, and we parade in those bearded, pleasant thing to play the villainous, heroic, plain when, as children punished shapes that our imaginations at various times paint us.

You may, of course, object that the explanation is too subtle, that if in dressing up we were merely putting our private ambitions into practice we should all be clamouring to play the part of the king or the sultan, and there would be no candidates for the role of villain.

One has also to admit that the characters in charades are nearly all grotesque. Far from beautifying themselves they seem to go out of their way to make their faces as ugly and distorted as possible. The Kaiser Bill moustache, the hunched back, the pillow under the waistcoat—these are the most typical charade properties.

But it would be difficult, of course, to depict one's self in the splendour of one's rosiest daydreams with household objects as the only aids. For a woman to emulate Greta Garbo, a man to rival Johnnie Weiss, singular habit of dressing—singular because Man alone among the mammals is addicted might reasonably fear that

By
**TANGYE
LEAN**

that matter—one must have power, and I think it is this desire for power which we most obviously betray when we are dressing up for fun.

If you asked your next-door neighbour to say why he liked wearing clothes, he might reply that he disliked wearing them, or only wore them for modesty's sake, or because convention demanded it, or because he had no desire to die of cold.

Probably he would not say that they gave him a sense of assurance, that somehow they made him feel a bigger person than he really was. Yet that, strongest motives behind his singular habit of dressing—singular because Man alone among the mammals is addicted to it.

When we examine the circles reproduced in this article and believe that the smaller of the two in the centre is larger than its counterparts to left and right, we are suffering from an optical delusion.

But to call the delusion merely optical is perhaps an understatement. The inner circle borrows an effect of size from the really larger circle surrounding it, and it is hard to dissociate them without a conscious effort.

IN the same way, when we wear a thick overcoat or a heavy suit of tweeds we feel a more significant part of the universe than we do in a bathing dress on the beach. The thick material seems in some strange way to become a part of ourselves. We feel that it is really us, and that in putting it on we ourselves have grown.

Thus, as I stalked proudly round the room with my artificial stomach in front of me, it seemed, I think, as though it was genuinely me, as though I was spiritually and physically entitled to call myself the mayor of a prosperous town. Perhaps to other people I looked as ridiculous as my sultan aunt, but in the depths of our own private hearts we were both convinced that we had grown in power and glory.

And those other people around us: my nephew with his beard; his cousin with the black moustache and hunched back; were they also playing the charade, it occurred to me, might be depicting something nearer life than the word of so many syllables, which the audience had already guessed.

GIVE ME THE PRODIGAL SON!

And Make Him A Scot

By SIR MICHAEL BRUCE

A BLACK-haired girl whose muslin dress hung against her lithe limbs walked past our table, threw us a coquettish eye and moved on. I could even see the play of her muscles as she walked.

"Come on out of this!" said Macintosh violently. "Let's get some unscented air into our lungs. Why not join me and go to Forteleze, where a British engineer is building a dam beneath the tributaries of the Rio San Francisco?"

The Scot was a prodigal son from somewhere north of Edinburgh, and a very stout fellow at that. I have met miners in Jo'burg, "also rans" in Mayfair, and a few others. But when you are up against the stark realities of life, give me a Scot. They are the very stuff of which prodigal sons are made, though they do manage to accumulate a fair amount of money. We were sitting outside a cafe in Rio, that paradise and cesspool of South America, and save for the drink Macintosh had ordered we had not 5s between us. If you have made the trip from Rio to Pernambuco and Curitiba you will know all about it. If you have not, don't! At Pernambuco a man was carried up

tackle the problem without imposing further taxation for the purpose. There could thus be no more appropriate moment than the present for some of the really wealthy men of the Colony to come forward and supplement what is already being done by making it possible to provide institutions for those who so badly need them. What Lord Nuffield has done at Home can, given the will, be accomplished here on a scale relative to the needs of the poor of this Colony. Is it too much to hope that the example may be followed?

from the stockhold, dead as mutton, with his arm swinging beside the stretcher, like a pendulum. He had drunk cold water after his stretch in the stockhold, and dropped like a poleaxed heifer.

Through the filthy stretch of water 30 miles from the coast we came to Forteleze, a hotbed of engineers interested only in the £33,000,000 works going forward inland.

Money-Makers

Here were scores of prodigals, hard-working fellows, harder-sweating and all intent on making fortunes. In a Forteleze cafe we saw the last of those seductive dancing girls, and ate piles of prawns off bright blue plates. From Forteleze inland we came on sheerest savagery. Grotesque, rocky, shining above the plain, marshy pools backed by Caniuya palms and so to Olxerombin. Scot and I were drinking hot beer when there was a shot.

"Come on, Bruce," he yelled. "You move on!"

I ran out and saw a little girl of six topple from behind her father's saddle. She twitched pitifully, sprawled in the dust, while the distracted man galloped hell for leather into the mists. A curl of smoke, a medley of shouts, a little girl whose hair was matted with blood. It was all part of a family feud amongst family folk whose grandmothers were slaves, whose grandfathers were Portuguese and Guarany Indians, and who would steal the gold from the teeth of their dead mothers. A bad lot. Two days later in the scrub we came on the corpse of that murderer of children.

His head was a purple pulp, and I, for one, was glad.

Here in the irrigation works Macintosh and I got work, well paid, but arduous. Cotton was the great crop, and at the end of the first of miserable shocks negro women solicited the favours of the labourers. Twice in a week I was shot at, just because I had refused the "offer" of a native overcor who hoped to run in a lot more women to please his men, and make a pile.

The Padre's Power

"You Englishman!" he hissed, looking like a black snake, you forget I am also policeman here. You watch out for you go quick—like that—zuti!"

He snapped his fingers, just as his revolver snapped at me in the dusk three days later. Then he came for me with his knife, but my .45 bullet took him in the midriff first. He was no loss. Macintosh laughed my fears away.

"Don't bother about scum like that," he said. "His greatest enemy will slip into his job and thank you for the chance!"

Then it was I met one of the most amazing persons in the whole of Brazil. A priest of 98, living in a strange walled city and ruling the wildest band of cut-throats you could imagine with a hand of iron. Yet that frail, white-haired man—always radiating good humour, while his castles, head-bunters, cannibals, and heaven knows what of ruff-raff fawned upon him and regarded his slightest wish as law. One or two were native men, real prodigals turned Britons. Yet for the most they were good lads, handy with knife or revolver, and always ready to back a countryman.

It was to the Padre Cleto: I went when we were really up against labour troubles engineered by local half-castes. Another priest was the

real cause of the trouble, for he, too, hoped to make a good thing out of women imported for the labourers' benefit, and turned particularly nasty when Macintosh told him there was "nothing doing."

"You want to break the strike?" asked Padre Cleto, snapping his knuckles and grinning like a schoolboy. "Ah! That is easy. How many men do you want? A hundred—a thousand—what you will!"

We fixed with him for 2,000 men at a flat wage rate, and within two days they marched down to our location, singing and shouting. You should have seen the local priest's face! He shook his fist under my nose.

Toiling in Heat of

100 Degrees

"Cursed Inglez!" he howled. "You use murderers and cut-throats, eh? We will show them!"

He was just like the villain out of a third-rate melodrama, and when I gripped him savagely by the shoulders he went as white as a sheet and slunk off to plot with his fellows. His lot to hold up British labour had fallen very flat indeed, and after that he found a distinct lessening of his following and his authority.

Yet Macintosh and the other prodigals cared for none of these things, so long as we made good progress. In spite of the heat war was the only thing that counted—hour after hour of it without cessation. Five or six English, Welsh, or Scot. They strove manfully, sweat-drenched by day and dead-beat by night. When people in London talk of prodigals I am often tempted to ask them whether they have ever done ten hours' toil for as many shillings in a temperature of 100 degrees.

Armchairs critics always did "get my goat." They talked loosely of "the efficiency of modern youth," but themselves knew nothing of necked muscles and empty stomachs. They cast the stone of scorn at the prodigal son, but I would rather have one such beside me in a light corner than ten thousand critics!

HE BARKED—AND SO SAVED HIS LIFE

Seventy Prisoners of War Meet Again in London

Seventy men sat down to dinner in a West End hotel one night this month and talked of when they went without bite or sup for days on end.

They are members of the Officers' Prisoners of War Club. Only those men are eligible for membership who were captured by the Germans between 1914 and 1918. Specially favoured are those who escaped—or attempted to escape.

The nucleus of the club was formed by the men who were gassed at Holzminden. A group of them spent ten months tunnelling under the walls. The tunnel was 50 yards long. It could admit only one man at a time, lying prone—and even then the "ceiling" pressed on his back.

The tunnel was driven with just two tools—a trowel and a cold chisel. The earth was stored in odd corners in the camp—in the rafters, behind match boarding partitions between beams and eaves.

BISCUIT-TIN BELLOWS

The air where the work was carried on was so foul that a candle would not remain alight. Bellows were improvised out of a biscuit-tin and a flying-jacket to feed the flame with oxygen.

Boards on which the diggers or their friends slept were sacrificed to shore up the crumbling walls. Straw mattresses were filled with the last loads of earth.

Twenty-nine men passed through the tunnel—and ten of them got away. They travelled the 15 miles to the Dutch frontier and were shipped back to Britain.

The other 19 were brought before a German court martial on a charge of conspiracy and sentenced to six months in a fortress. The sentence was never carried out—the Armistice intervened.

The epic escape of Holzminden involved fantastic adventures. The officers digging the tunnel had to dress up as orderlies because the orderly quarters were nearer the walls than any other building. Although every prisoner knew the plan not one gave the game away.

BARKED LIKE DOG

The diggers—only one man could work at a time—had to pierce concrete as well as earth. The orderlies kept watch and had to drown the noise the hammering and digging made.

In the chair at the dinner on Friday will be Air-Commodore Rathbone, commander of Holzminden Camp, who escaped through the tunnel.

Another member of the club is a man who escaped and swam in darkness across the River Ems—wide, swift-flowing, icy, closely guarded. While he was swimming a sentinel on the bank challenged him and levelled his rifle. The swimmer barked like a dog through his chattering teeth—and the sentinel marched on.

Chinese Bandits Perturb The Vatican

Vatican City, Dec. 15.

Persistent reports of plundering and sacking of Catholic missionary stations by Chinese communists in Western China are causing grave concern in the Vatican.

A detailed account of recent sacking and killing of innocent inhabitants has been received by the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith from the Apostolic Vicariate of Lanchow, in charge of missionary fathers of the Divine Word.

According to this report the Vicariate of Tsinchow in the Kansu province has suffered grave material damage owing to the sudden advance of Communist hordes.

The Reds have occupied the greater part of the vicariate including the capital Tsinchow. Almost all the missionary stations have been sacked and burned and the work of the German chaplains is at a complete standstill.

The members of these missions have succeeded in reaching safety in the two principal stations of Tien-shui and Tsinghui. Four fathers and two sisters however have been forced to seek refuge in the neighbouring apostolic vicariate of Hanchunfu in the province of Szechuan.

Direct quotations from the Lanchow report state:

"The Reds are rapidly advancing in bands of thousands. The roads over which they pass are marked by hundreds of corpses of innocent inhabitants whom they have mercilessly massacred."

"Arriving in villages they summon the richest people and, threatening to brand them with red hot irons compel them to hand over all their money and then slaughter them savagely."

"The women and children of the red bandits are enrolled in special regiments. Each red division has a special detachment of Amazons. They are not formed however for fighting purposes, but for amusement."

Cameramen Pick Them As Best Bets for Stardom



A new jury of feminine beauty, the Hollywood Press Photographers, picked these screen youngsters as having the best chances for screen stardom. They are, from left, upper: Cecilia Parker, Helen Burgess, Janice Jarrett, Kay Hughes, Joan Perry. Lower: Mary Francis Gilford, Rosina Lawrence, Barbara Pepper, Helen Wood, June Travis.

Disney's New Film

MR. WALT DISNEY, creator of Mickey Mouse and the Silly Symphonies, is half-way through his first full-length feature film, which will run for 75 to 90 minutes.

The film, which is called "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," will take another year to finish; about 200,000 drawings will be needed; the cost of production is estimated at £200,000, about £1 a drawing.

Music has been composed for the film, and a new camera has been built which is capable of producing effects in the way of lighting that have never before been possible.

A Woman Yawns For 80 Hours

New York, Dec. 20. AGNES KAPP, aged 27, of Rochester, New York, yawned continuously for 80 hours.

Then her doctor gave her a sleeping draught, which sent her into a deep sleep. When she awoke the yawning had stopped.—*Reuter.*

Marble Block Size Of Westminster Abbey

Carrara (Italy), Dec. 20. A MILLION-TON block of marble slightly larger than Westminster Abbey was to-day blasted out of the famous Carrara marble quarries.

An enormous "bed" had been prepared to receive the block. A series of tunnels had been cut into the mountain, by only five strips of marble, which were destroyed to-day by explosives.

Twenty tons of explosives and more than two tons of high explosives were used, distributed in 130 miles round the base of the block of marble.—*Reuter.*

Japanese Crucifixes And Statues Sold By Jews

IN IRISH FREE STATE!

The Dublin correspondent of the London Universe reports that a complaint that Jewish import agents are sending travellers to the Irish Free State to sell religious statues and crucifixes made in Japan is made in a statement issued by the secretary of the Religious Goods Wholesale Traders' Association of Ireland.

It is pointed out that this is the first time Japanese firms have taken up the production of Catholic religious emblems, and that this has been made possible through the English-Jewish importers sending samples of various statues, to Japan to be copied in plaster and metal. The association appeals to Catholics to refrain from buying pagan-made religious objects, which can be detected by the Japanese national trade mark, the chrysanthemum design, or by the words "Made in Japan."

The clergy are asked to give their help by the prohibition of such goods on mission stalls.

ONE WORD IN 3 IN COLLEGE USE MISPRONOUNCED

New Concord, Dec. 20. A revolutionary speech-recording machine installed in the speech department of Muskogee College shows that one-third of the words in the English language are mispronounced, and 95 per cent of these are in common usage.

The machine, according to Prof. W. H. Ewing, records on an aluminum disc. It has its own amplifying system and a soundproof studio is being built.

The most common mistakes, according to Ewing, are: Making long "a's" out of short "e's," such as "may-sure" for "measure."

Pronouncing long "u's" as "oo," as "stoo-dent" for "student."

Making long "e's" out of short "i's," as "feech" for "fish."

All incoming students are required to take the test.—*United Press.*

RADIO BROADCAST

A Talk on "London At Christmas Time" CELLO RECITAL

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.), 31.40 metres (9.52 megacycles).

12.30 p.m. A Variety Concert. 1 p.m. Time and Weather. 1.03 p.m. Military Band Music. 1.30 p.m. Reuter Rugby Press.

Weather. 1.40 p.m. Recital by Malcolm McEachern and the Angulus Octet. 2 p.m. London Palladium Orchestra.

2.15 p.m. Close Down. 4.7 p.m. Chinese Programme. 7 p.m. Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Salut d'Amour (Elgar); I kiss your lips (Rudolph); "L'Belie Helene"—Selection (Offenbach).

7.15 p.m. From the Studio. A Programme of Compositions by Harold Scott, Played by the Composer. Four New Interludes. Performed for the First Time.

1. (a) "Pastorale" in A flat; (b) "Pastorale" in G minor (Quasi Religioso); (c) "Pastorale" in D minor; (d) "Pastorale" in G sharp minor; 2. "The Tinkling Sheep Bells"; "Sea Lulling"; "Song of the Sussex Road."

7.30 p.m. Stock Quotations. 7.35 p.m. Variety. Vocal—Gung Show of 1936. Ralph Reader and Chorus; Instrumental—Chicken Reel; If you were the only girl in the world; Piano Duo—Transatlantic Rhythm; Irving Caesar and Ray Henderson; Orchestra—A Gypsy Lament; Flor Gitana.

8 p.m. Time, Weather, and Announcements. 8.03 p.m. The British Symphony Orchestra.

Sylvia Ballet (Delibes); A thousand and one nights—Waltz (Johann Strauss).

8.30 p.m. From the Studio. A Violinello Recital by Susan Jones, A.R.C.M.

1. Sonata in B flat major; Thomas Arne; Poco Largo—Gavotte; 2. "Five Irish Folk Tunes"—The Green Bushes; A Hush-a-bye; Howard Ferguson; 3. "Lambert's Clavichord"—De la Mare's Bavan; Sir Hugh's Galliard; Herbert Howells.

8.45 p.m. "London at Christmas Time," a talk by S. R. Littlewood. 9 p.m. News and Announcements. 9.20 p.m. A Christmas Overture, (Coleridge-Taylor), played by the Symphony Orchestra.

Hymns—"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"; "Christians, awake"; "The Radio Choir."

9.30 p.m. From the Studio—The Fourth of a series of talks on "The Early Days of Cricket," by R. Abbit. 9.45 p.m. Organ Music.

Evening Song (Baird); La Nalt (Elgar); Harry Goss-Custard; Melody in F (Rubinstein); Berceuse de Jocelyn (Godard); Edward O'Herry; Melody of Old Time Songs (Part 1 English, Part 2 Scottish); Sydney Gustard.

10 p.m. Big Ben. 10.10 p.m. Descriptive—Studio scene (A bit of Opera). (Careless Rapture), by Joyce Novello; Dorothy Dickson and Olive Gilbert; Song—Why is there ever good-bye ("Careless Rapture").

10.18 p.m. Dance Music. 11 p.m. Close Down.

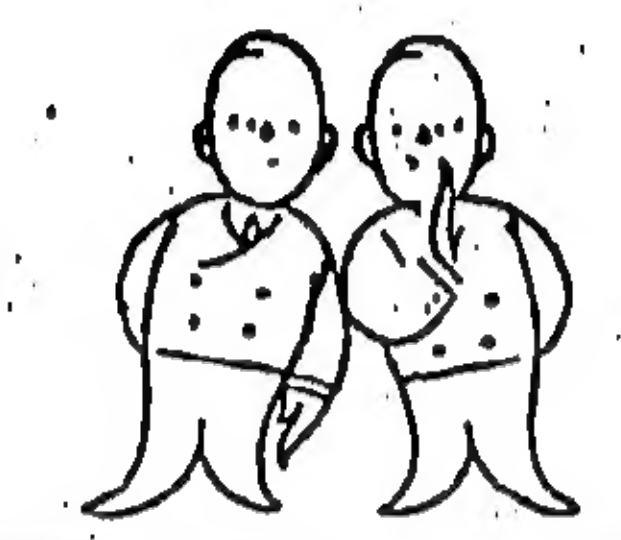
DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

4 p.m. Big Ben. Empire Magazine. 4.45 p.m. Imperial Affairs. 5 p.m. The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra. 5.45 p.m. The News and Announcements. 6 p.m. Big Ben. "Imperial Affairs." 6.15 p.m. The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra. 6.45 p.m. Christmas Variety. 7.05 p.m. "London at Christmas Time." 7.30 p.m. The News and Announcements. 8 p.m. The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra. 8.45 p.m. The Birmingham Hippodrome Orchestra.

9 p.m. Big Ben. Street Show. 10.30 p.m. Brass Band Concert. 11.20 p.m. The Police's "Lull." 11.45 p.m. "Empire Magazine," No. 19. 12.30 a.m. The News and Announcements. 12.50 a.m. The John MacArthur Quintet. 1.15 a.m. Big Ben. "Food for Thought." 1.45 a.m. The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra. 2 a.m. The News and Announcements. 2.30 a.m. English, Greek, and Irish Folk-songs.

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To the list of important forthcoming sales already announced must be added that of the dispersal of the third portion of M. Emile Brouwet's collection of autograph letters and documents relating to Napoleon and his times. This will take place at Messrs. Sotheby's this month.

The sale is particularly interesting as the first two sections of this collection were sold in Paris in 1833 and 1835. M. Brouwet's reason for transferring this portion to Sotheby's because he now realises like so many other Continental collectors, that London is the best centre in the world for the disposal of art and literary treasures.

The main interest in the present catalogue, which is printed entirely in French, lies in the extensive series of letters and documents dealing with the campaign in Egypt. It opens with the preparations for departure in April, 1798 and ends with the surrender of the scanty remnant of the expedition to the English troops under Hutchinson in June, 1801.

CARE FOR HIS MEN
Most fascinating are the letters of the Emperor himself, showing many different phases of his versatile genius. We see him as the great military commander, ruthless in upholding discipline, but careful also to maintain the spirit of his troops, providing drums and trumpets for them on their marches and a theatre for them while in barracks at Cairo.

He appears also as the colonial administrator, signing documents drawn up in Arabic; and again in what is for him the very rare part of a friend, writing from Cairo to Desaix to give him the remarkable medical advice to wear a flannel waistcoat as a protection against eye disease.

Of particular interest to English students are the documents relating to Malin, to naval warfare, and the Battle of the Nile, and to the unsuccessful siege of Acre. It is amusing to find Napoleon characterising Sydney Smith as "un jeune ambitieux qui veut faire sa fortune. A cherche a se mettre souvent en evidence," unconscious of the fact that the words might be applied to himself.

There are the letters and diary of Hoche, the long series on the campaigns in Spain and Russia and those dealing with Waterloo and the Hundred Days. There are 205 letters

HE WAITED 21 YEARS FOR A DIVORCE

Judge Critic of Law Says:
"I Am Sorry for This Man"

Swansea, Dec. 18.

"I AM sorry for this man, who has had to wait 21 years for a divorce to which he was entitled, in my opinion, nearly 21 years ago."

Mr. Justice Swift made this comment at Glamorgan Assizes here to-day in a critical review of the present divorce laws.

Albert Ernest Phillpott, of Albany Road, Cardiff, was granted a decree nisi against his wife, Emma Jane, on the grounds of her misconduct with a man named Reader at Cardiff.

It was stated that Phillpott and his wife had not lived together for 21 years.

They were married at Cardiff in 1900 and the wife left her husband in 1915 and went to India.

Rome Wireless for Rexists BELGIAN LEADER'S CLAIM

Brussels, Dec. 18.

At a political meeting at Mons the leader of the Rex Party, M. Leon Degrelle, announced that very shortly the voice of Rex will be heard on the wireless.

He said that once a week the Rome wireless station will put their microphone at the disposal of the Rexists.

This is likely to bring a diplomatic action from the Belgian Government, as it is almost certain that the Rome station will be used by the Rexists mainly for attacking the Belgian Government.

The Rexist Party of M. Degrelle is semi-Fascist. It has been accused of connection with Germany following M. Degrelle's visit to Berlin last month. It is alleged that M. Degrelle promised to restore Eupen and Malmédy to Germany if his party came to power.

The recent threat of M. Degrelle to march on Brussels with 250,000 of his followers resulted in a fiasco, the meeting being banned and M. Degrelle being arrested and kept in detention.

of Marie Louise, including 180 to her life-long friend Victoire Du Poutet, extending from 1799 to 1840.

Finally note must be made of the four Sevres plates from the service known as "Des Quartiers Generaux" used by Napoleon at St. Helena.

In granting the decree Mr. Justice Swift said: "Can you justify the present state of our law which allows people to be tied together when every spiritual and every physical relationship has been destroyed for 21 years?"

LEFT A NOTE

"Ought it not to have been enough for him, the husband, to have gone to somebody, to me if you like, and say, 'My wife has left me. She went out of the house, left a note behind saying she was never coming back and she has never been back. She has gone and I do not know where she has gone and she has been gone for 12 months.'"

"Ought I not then to say, 'You may have your divorce?'"

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By A Radio Correspondent

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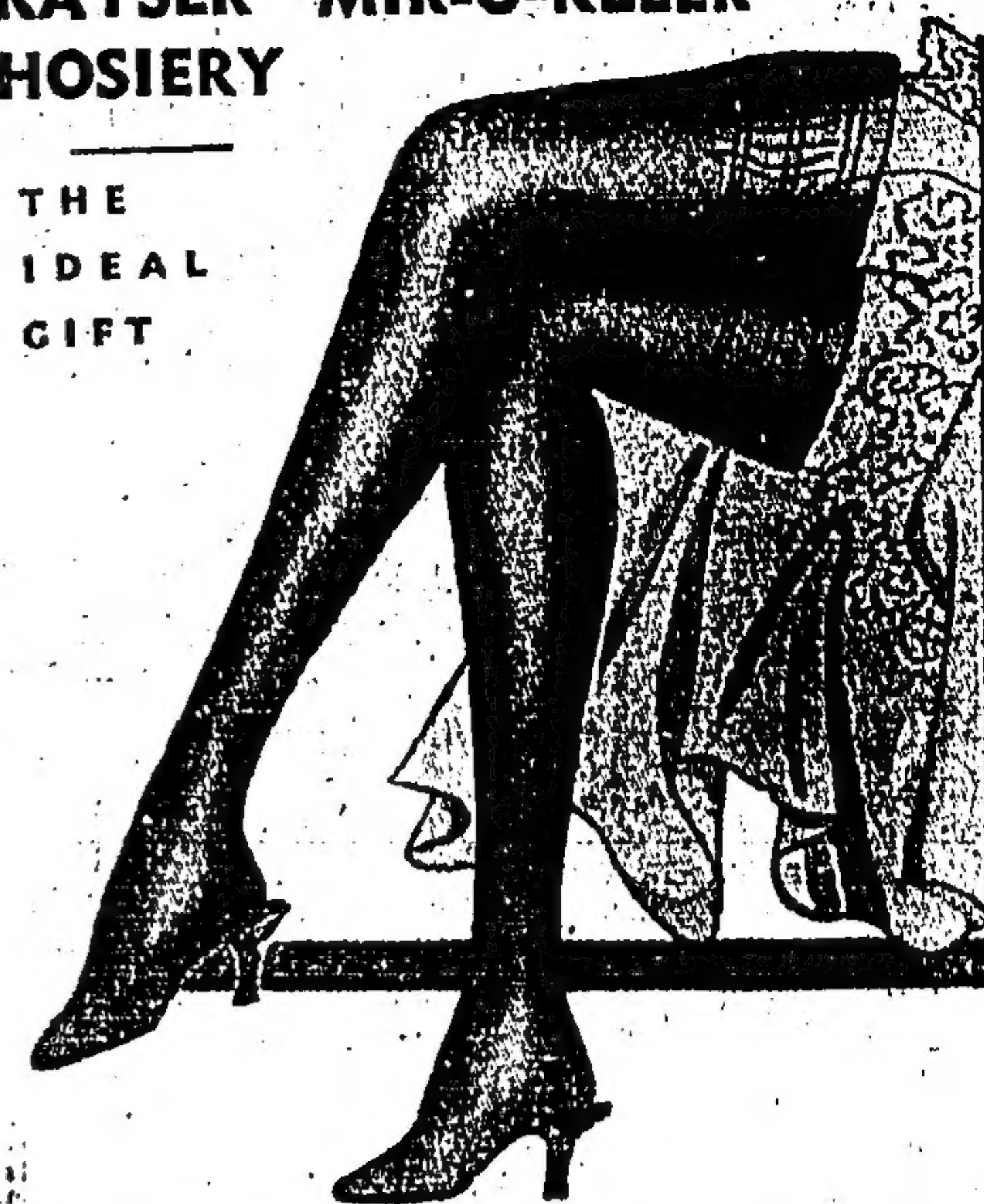
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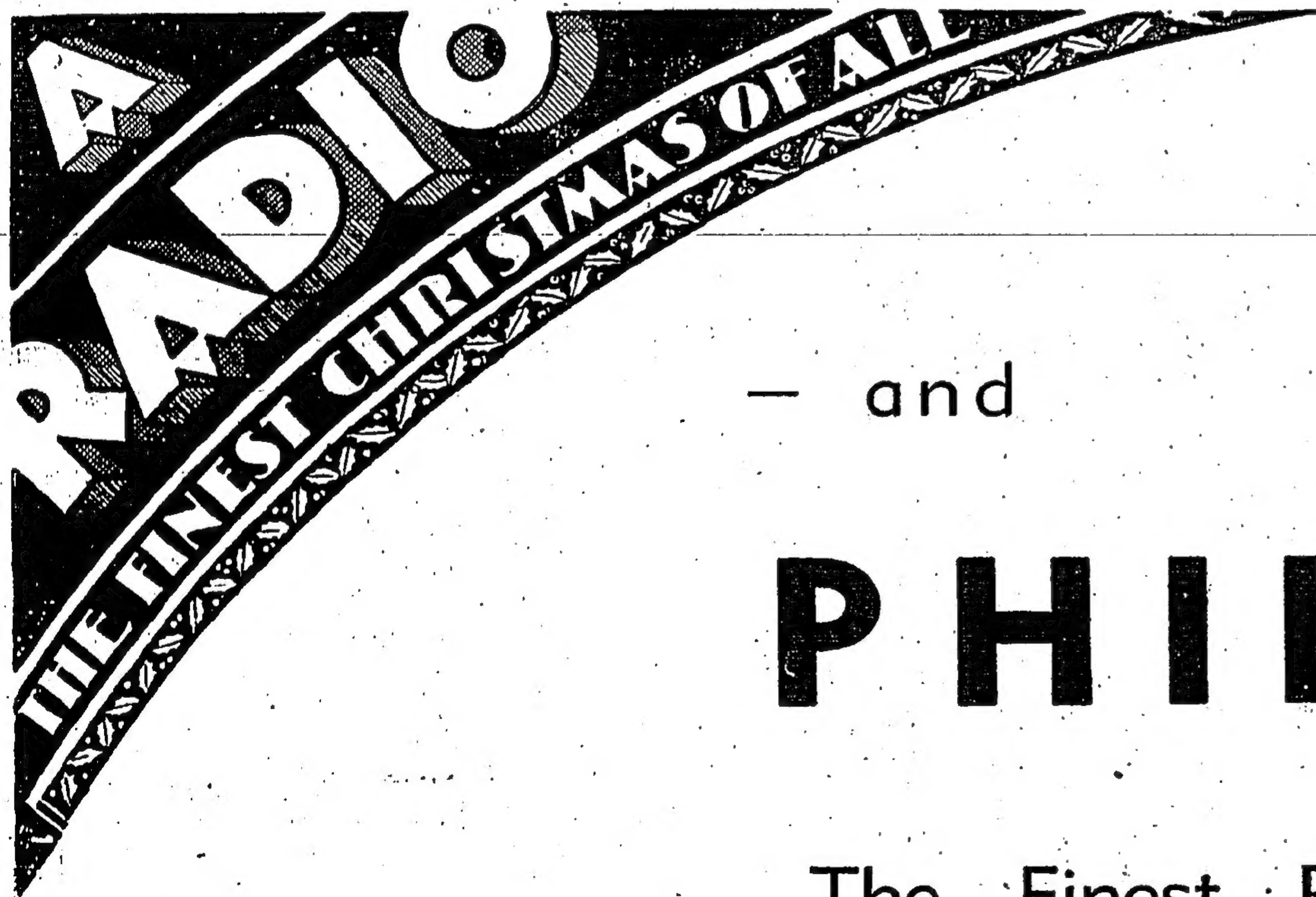


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Poison Suicide Of Peer's Sister

THE funeral of the Hon. Mrs. Daisy Carleton Bunbury, 63-year-old sister of Lord Dorchester, at Nately Scures, near Basingstoke, Hants, has brought to light these two facts:—

1. That she was found dead in bed at her home, the Red House, Hook, on a recent Sunday.

2. That an inquest was held recently, the coroner recording a verdict that she committed suicide by taking cyanide of potassium while of unsound mind.

The coroner, Major H. M. Foster, stated that the inquest was "not secret in any way."

Mrs. Bunbury was the widow of Brig-General Vesey Thomas Bunbury. She had recently worried over and vigorously opposed the enclosing of part of Hook Common as a playing field.

Red Sea Crossing Was "No Miracle"

Former Sinai Governor's
Weather Theory

Major C. S. Jarvis, Governor of Sinai for 14 years and known to every Arab in the Middle East as Jarvis Bey, recently explained his theory of the Bible story of the flight of the Israelites from Egypt. He was addressing the Ethical Study Group in London.

The way in which the "sea" was dry when the Israelites crossed and flooded when the Egyptians attempted the crossing, was no miracle, he declared.

"The pillar of fire described in Exodus would probably be caused by one of the squalls which still occur in Sinai and cause a column of cloud from which lightning flashes at night. A narrow strip of sand separates the Mediterranean from Lake Pardawil, a vast lagoon, and my theory is that the Israelites marched along this strip.

"A squall and rain followed and, as still happens to-day, the sea broke over the sand into the lagoon. I have seen it happen in 12 hours. The whole army of Egyptians was caught.

"I have arrived at my theory by studying the two books of the Bible, Exodus and Numbers, and from investigations during the time I was in Sinai. There is no record in Egyptian history of the flight, so one may believe it was not such an epoch-making event as the Israelites would like us to believe."

OIL FIND REPORTED IN KENYA

Nairobi, Dec. 13.
A GREAT oilfield, described as comparable with that of Iran, is reported to have been discovered in Kenya by a French engineer, M. J. Dejean, who has been prospecting in the colony for two years.

M. Dejean is keeping secret the area where he claims to have made his discovery while his application for an exclusive licence is being considered by the local government and Secretary of State.

He states, however, that negotiations are proceeding for the formation of a prospecting company to carry out a complete survey before the main exploitation company is floated.

PRIORITY IN CLAIMS
It is learnt that other groups interested in oil have also applied for concessions in various parts of the Colony, and the question of priority as well as public policy is believed to be exercising the Colonial Office.

M. Dejean is confident that his field will be rich enough to supply the needs of all Africa.



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COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS NEXT YEAR

THREE EVENTS TO BE ORGANISED

MEN'S SINGLES MIXED DOUBLES, MEN'S DOUBLES

CHINESE "Y" PROMOTED TO "A" DIVISION

(By "Veritas")

To organise Colony championships in the New Year, to refrain from conducting a ladies' doubles league because of the lack of entries, and to accept Chinese Y.M.C.A.'s application for transference from the "B" Division of the League to the "A" Division, were the important decisions made at last evening's meeting of the Hongkong Badminton Association.

The Executive Committee met in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post Building, the meeting being presided over by Mr. E. de Sousa. Others present were: Messrs. Roland Koh (St. John's), Henry Kew (St. Andrew's), N. A. E. Mackay (Kowloon Tong), W. Sprague (S. and S. Home), H. A. Alves (Recreolo), S. W. Liang (C.R.C.), P. H. Wong (Chinese Y.M.C.A.), John Pau (King's College), D. Montalto (V.R.C.) and S. A. Gray (Hon. Secretary).

It was intimated that although Chinese Recreation Club had expressed a desire to place a ladies' team in the league, the number of participants still fell short of the minimum laid down at the beginning of the season. It was therefore decided not to conduct a ladies' doubles league for the current season.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

The question of conducting Colony championships occupied the close attention of the meeting for some considerable time. After full discussion it was agreed to organise championships to consist of men's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles, which would start on January 20. Entries will close on January 16, and entrance fees will be \$3 per player for the men's singles

and \$5 per pair for each of the two doubles events.

In the rounds up to the quarter-finals and subsequent rounds, the first-named player in each bracket will have the right of selecting the court on which to play the match, but for the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals, neutral courts would be arranged by the committee.

One make of shuttlecock determined by the committee will be used throughout the tournaments, and competitors will be provided with three shuttlecocks for each match. Matches will be the best of three games, each of 15 sets up.

The first round ties must be completed on or before Tuesday, February 10, the second round by March 2, the third round by March 9.

It was decided to make the championships open to the Colony. Members of affiliated clubs will automatically become eligible to compete, but for individual residents of the Colony who are not members of affiliated clubs, an additional fee of \$2 will be payable, this ensuring them membership of the Badminton Association.

A small sub-committee to deal with the details connected with the championships was appointed, the following being elected: Messrs. S. A. Gray, John Pau, H. Kew and P. H. Wong.

CHINESE "Y" GO UP

It was brought to the notice of the meeting that through the local Press suggestions had been made that one or two teams now playing in the "B" Division of the league were strong enough for the senior division.

Mr. Patrick H. Wong, on behalf of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., who have won their three "B" Division games without the loss of a set, applied to the meeting for permission to transfer from the "B" Division to the "A" Division.

This gesture was warmly welcomed and permission for such a transference was unanimously given.

Chinese Y.M.C.A. will start their new set of fixtures in the New Year, while their record in the "B" Division will be expunged.

CALIFORNIA SWEEP THE BOARD

IN WINNING TENNIS TITLES

A REMARKABLE RECORD

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.

A handful of sunburned California youngsters, who rose from the same courts which produced the Bundys and Deegs, is within one title of a "grand slam" of the American tennis championships offered during 1936.

The young contenders, all of them under 25, swept fourteen of fifteen national crowns, and blanketed aspirants from 47 states. The only title missed was the grass courts men's singles championship, which went to Fred Perry of England, with a Californian as runner-up.

The victory march opened with the National at Forest Hills where Alice Marble, Gene Mako, Donald Budge, Marjorie Gladman Van Ryn and Carolyn Babcock snuffed all opposition but Perry to carry the women's singles, and men's, women's and mixed doubles.

In the same tournament Jack Kramer, Nolan McCuowen, Julius Heldman, Joe Hunt, Margaret Osborne and Eleanor Dawson completed the near monopoly by winning the boys', girls' and junior boys' singles and doubles.

Perry eked out the lone outside victory when he beat Budge after the red-haired Oakland player was within two points of the title. In addition, the two surprise upsets were scored by Henry Calley, of Santa Barbara, and Dorothy Bundy, daughter of former women's champion, Mae Sutton Bundy, of Santa Monica.

Bobby Riggs, sleek-haired high-school senior, ignored the open disapproval of the Southern California Tennis association when he travelled east for clay court competition. But when he came home he brought along the singles and doubles trophies—the latter won with Wayne Sabin, of Los Angeles.

Lewis Wetherell, of Santa Ana, carried the domination into public parks by capturing the public singles in that division. Elizabeth Dicke, of Pasadena, won the women's singles crown.

FOREIGN INVASION

In their only actual foreign invasion, Californians won four of five championships. Jack Tidball, former intercollegiate champion from University of California at Los Angeles, won the Canadian men's singles and teamed with Charles Church, of Beverly Hills, to take the Canadian men's doubles. The veteran Esther Barthosh aided the youngsters by contributing a victory in the Canadian women's singles and teamed with Verne Hughes, Long Beach, to capture the Canadian mixed doubles.

The list of national championships won by Californians were:

Clay court—Singles: Robert Riggs, Los Angeles; Doubles: Riggs and Wayne Sabin, Los Angeles.

Public parks—Men's singles: Lewis Wetherell, Santa Ana; Women's singles: Elizabeth Dicke, Pasadena.

Grass court—Men's doubles: Gene Mako, Los Angeles, and Donald Budge, Oakland.

Grass court—Women's singles: Alice Marble, San Francisco; Doubles: Carolyn Babcock, Los Angeles, and Marjorie Gladman Van Ryn, Santa Monica.

Grass court—Mixed doubles: Alice Marble, Mako.

Grass court—Boys' singles: Jack Kramer, Montebello; Doubles: Kramer and Nolan McCuowen, Los Angeles.

Grass court—Junior boys' singles: Julius Heldman, Santa Monica; Doubles: Heldman and Joe Hunt, Los Angeles.

Grass court—Girls' singles: Margaret Osborne, San Francisco; Doubles: Margaret Osborne and Eleanor Dawson, San Francisco.

Canadian national championships—Men's singles: Jack Tidball, Los Angeles; Doubles: Tidball and Charles Church, Beverly Hills.

Women's singles: Esther Barthosh, Los Angeles; Mixed doubles: Esther Barthosh, Verne Hughes, Long Beach.

BOXING CONTESTS THIS WEEK



YOUNG AROMIN



BOB QUINLAN

Clubhouse Chatter

By "Veritas"

New Milestone In Hongkong Badminton

ALL CAN PLAY IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A NOTHER page in the history of Hongkong badminton is

to be written in the New Year when the first Colony championships will be conducted under the aegis of the Badminton Association. This brings to a consummation the original plans of those who sponsored organised badminton in Hongkong some three years ago, although it by no means concludes the activities and aims of the Association. If anything the holding of these championships will further emphasise the one great need in Hongkong of a building adequate to stage such events as these. The one drawback connected with the championships is that matches in the earlier rounds will have to be played on different club courts instead of a centralised venue. This immediately raises the question of "luck in the draw," as, under the Association's conditions, players who figure first in the brackets have the choice of courts. This is unfortunate, but it is encouraging to note that the Association has refused to permit such a contingency to obstruct a very popular desire for championships.

Concessions

THE Executive Committee's deliberations yesterday led them to agree to the staging of three championship events—men's singles, men's doubles, and mixed doubles. It is an ambitious programme inasmuch as that the events will be run simultaneously and are scheduled to be completed within six weeks. One interesting feature is that the Association will apply Rule 3 (c) which permits residents of the Colony, who are not members of affiliated clubs, to participate in the championships on payment of a stated fee, which must be paid in addition to the entrance fee. This, of course, acts as applying this particular rule, the Association makes it possible for the events to be really open championships. Another sensible concession is that partners in the various doubles events need not necessarily be members of the same club. The only condition they must fulfil is to be members either of an affiliated club, or become individual members of the Badminton Association.

Support Necessary

THE Badminton Association has a good reason to be congratulated upon its enterprise in endeavouring to stimulate the game in the Colony by organising these championships, but in the final analysis, the success of the venture will depend on the measure of support accorded it by players. Unless I have completely misread the enthusiasm which appears to exist for the game here, I feel fairly confident the response will be right up to expectations. But the must not be assumed too confidently. Reactions to ventures of this sort are very often unexpected, although I shall be surprised if the entries fall short of anticipations. There are several reasons why players should welcome the championships. For one thing they provide a new form of competition—a distinct and direct change from that of the league; secondly, they will allow players to find new partners if they so desire; thirdly they will stimulate the singles game of badminton which has been almost completely ignored in the Colony to date; fourthly they offer new honours to be won. These are but a few reasons why the championships should prove popular and should be thoroughly well supported.

Curtain Falls On The Second Test

THERE is not a great deal more to be written about the Second Test which ended yesterday in such a smashing victory for England. The result came as no surprise, for it was palpably clear that once Australia had been dismissed so cheaply in the first innings, she was fated to lose by such a wide margin. But there was a time yesterday when everything pointed to the Aussies forcing England to bat again. The score board read at tea-time 309 for 3; only 37 behind with five wickets to go. Then happened one of those amazing things which somehow or other seem to be part and parcel of these Test matches. Australia lost her last four wickets for an additional six runs. It occurred with dramatic suddenness and one can well imagine the bewilderment of the 20,000 spectators around the ground. The "procession" started when McCabe, who looked good for a century—in fact a double century if there was anybody to stick with him—"appeared to over-balance," and as a result put his pad in the way of a straight one from Voce. That was the signal for Australia to go to pieces. Hammond and Voce came right into their own while the Aussies folded up their tents, etc., etc. Once again Voce figured among the honours. Four for ten in the first innings and three for 66 in the second is sufficient testimony to his excellent bowling. As has already been noted, the luck which attends these lengthy matches was again

EXCELLENT PROGRAMME ARRANGED

Some Good Talent

An exhibition of boxing which promises to provide the public with an exceptionally good entertainment, has been arranged to take place at the Yaumati Theatre, Kowloon on Boxing Night.

The main event will be a ten round contest between "Young" Aromin (117 lbs), leading contender for the bantamweight championship of Hongkong, and "Speed" Salazar (133 lbs), known as the Filipino whirlwind, who hails from Cebu, Philippine Islands.

They are three-minute rounds and there will be no draw decision. Should the boxers be on level points at the end of the scheduled ten rounds, extra rounds will be fought until a winner is announced. The odds are two to one in favour of the "Whirlwind", but both boxers are confident of winning before the end of the fixed ten rounds.

The next best event on the evening's card is ten rounds of two-minute stanzas between "Battling" Rio, who recently impressed when he knocked out "Sky" Lee at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., and R. Quinlan (157 lbs) of the Royal Ulster Rifles, former middleweight champion of the Army in Hongkong.

Quinlan, though having the advantage of weight, reach and experience, will find Rio a pretty tough nut to crack.

These two main bouts are supported by six other events, in which some fine boxing is anticipated. Mr. B. Field will act as referee, with Messrs. W. C. K. Mackie and C. F. Jenner, as judges.

THE PROGRAMME

The complete programme follows. Flyweight—Dennis Maunders (England) 100 lbs. v. Kid Rivas (Mexico) 100 lbs. Maxie Garcia (Mexico) 110 lbs. v. Young Jezabo



"SPEED" SALAZAR

(Mexico) 110 lbs. Bantamweight—Bud Golden (20 lbs) v. Wild Benny (120 lbs). Special flyweight bout—Iron Bux, Jr. (115 lbs) v. Little Bertie of Manila (115 lbs). Featherweight—J. S. A. Currcum (131 lbs) of Hongkong v. Seaman Burke of England.

Middleweight—McBeattie (150 lbs) of Scotland v. Antonio Martinez (150 lbs) of Mexico.

Special catchweight bout—Bob Quinlan (157 lbs) v. "Battling" Rio

Our Daily Golf Hint

No good can be got by forcing the game, and unless one feels fit and has a keen interest in the match, it is better not to play.

—W. Park.

(147 lbs) of Portugal. Catchweight—"Speed" Salazar (138 lbs) of Manila v. "Young" Aromin (117 lbs) of Hongkong.

with England, but after making allowances for it, one must still acknowledge the greatness of England's victory. The position for the Old Country at the moment is, in golfing parlance, two up and three to go; an eminently satisfactory state of affairs for the visiting cricketers, made all the sweeter because of its unexpectedness. But Australia is not yet beaten, and until that third match is "in the bag," England will have to give 100 per cent. account of herself in the matches to come.



BATTLING RIO

MAMAK HOCKEY MATCH

BERWICK DEFEAT SUBMARINES

A fast but somewhat ragged hockey match was played yesterday afternoon in the Mamak League Tournament, when H.M.S. Berwick beat the Submarines (Oils and Odu) by four goals to one on the Navy ground at King's Park.

Berwick led two-nil at the interval, both goals being scored by Lieut. Cook, but Submarines made a partial recovery in the second half and after pressure, Thornycroft reduced the arrears.

However from that point onward, Berwick dominated the game, and further goals were scored by Johnson and Cook.

The Berwick attack was much too fast for the Submarines defence, while the losers were not particularly well served up.

Wright being the only dangerous attacker.

WASEDA HOCKEY TEAM

Lengthy Fixture List For Forthcoming Visit

The Waseda University hockey team, which is paying a visit to the Colony from January 3 to 15, will have a busy time. At a meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Hockey Association at St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday evening, the following programme was arranged for them:

Sunday, January 4, the Army. January 5, the Navy. January 6, the University. January 7, the Navy. January 8, the Combined Civilian. January 10, the Colony. January 11, the Combined Services. January 13, Macao.

TEAMS FOR TO-DAY

The following will represent the Army in the Triangular Tournament match against the Navy at 4 p.m. to-day, on the Marina ground.—S. P. Howie, Kishor Singh, Brian Cox, Sir. Brown, Capt. Singleton, Tan Singh, Lt. Robinson, Kuddar Bux, Narain Singh, Palnab, Spr. Corner.

SALE OF PONIES

Pontiac Bay And Ribble

Many attended the sale of race ponies held yesterday afternoon at the Hongkong Jockey Club paddock, Happy Valley. Among the ponies disposed of were several well-known ones such as Pontiac Bay, which went for the high price of \$700. Mr. C. M. S. Alves, of Hughes and Hough, Ltd., was the auctioneer. The full list of ponies sold, their prices and names of purchasers, follows:

Double Chance, \$310, Capt. G. Jones; a China pony, \$200, Mr. Peter Sin; Delightful Chance, \$100, Mr. G. Baker; Pontiac Bay, \$700, Mr. Fung Kwok-wa; Ribble, \$640, Mr. Kwok Hin-wang; Gold Eagle, \$100, Capt. H. Whitehead; Zodiac, \$200, Mr. Vilas Ostanada; What A Chance, \$200, Capt. J. J. Palmer; Great Hall, \$200, Mr. Morgan; a China pony, \$100, Mr. Vilas Ostanada; Rugby Star, \$100, Lt. N. W. Metcalfe; Shamrock, \$170, Capt. H. Whitehead; The Cool, \$80, Mr. Peter Sin; Blue Ribbon, \$70, Dr. R. A. Baste.

The following ponies were withdrawn from sale: Eastlight and Racing Heart.

Secret Of Bradman's Quickness Revealed By A Doctor

(By William Pollock)

Daily Express Cricket Reporter with the M.C.C. team.

AUSTRALIA is Bradman mad. You hear his name all day long in the mouths of men, women and children. Everything he says or does—or is supposed to say or do—is seized upon.

"Bradman is news," an editor said to me. "If he cut himself shaving it would be a front-page story." There are rather fewer people in the whole of Australia than there are in London, and most of them idolise their little champion of cricket. And, extraordinary to say, the Don copes with it splendidly. He might easily be an insufferable sort of young man with a big head, but actually he isn't.

I have met him and I have talked with several hard-headed men who know him well and there is precious little said about him. He is friendly, he smiles quickly, he is generous about other people, he has an alert, level-headed mind.

Don is a go-getter in business as in cricket. He is with Harry Hodgkiss, of the Board of Cricket Control, in stock-broking in Adelaide. He works hard and is well off. When I said to him after lunch, "Are you coming along to the ground now to have a net?" he said, "I can't get to work."

He is fond of music and can play the piano. He is a good dancer. He reads a good deal, particularly on all sorts of subjects. He is practically a non-drinker and a non-smoker, is inclined to be obstinate in his opinions—yet he is a man's man.

man I don't know. I have been talking to a learned doctor about his batting. "What makes him so quick with his bat?" I asked.

Said the learned doctor: "Effort and efficient nerves. They are the nerves which control our body actions. The efficient nerve telegraphs from eye to brain, the efficient nerve from brain to limbs."

"In my opinion, Don Bradman's effort and efficient work quicker than most people's." So now Gubby Allen, Bill Voce, and the rest of our poor bowlers know. All I hope is that which over English fielders may get a catch from Don has his effort and efficient in good working order.

Every one is saying that Bill O'Reilly is in better form than ever. His strength was so sure in the recent Australia v The Rest match that he had a silly mid-off and a silly mid-on to Bradman. Help!

Eyston's Secret Car For World Record Bid

Captain George Eyston, racing motorist, is working with mechanics in a back street in Tottenham, London, building a "hush-hush" car with which he hopes to attack the world land speed record of 300 m.p.h. set up by Sir Malcolm Campbell.

The construction of the car is being kept a close secret and the work is carried on under a veil of mystery. "I am hoping," said Captain Eyston, "to build a car faster than anything I have yet produced, and after experiments next year I anticipate that it will prove itself worthy for an attack on the record soon after."

BOTTLE HIM UP

Bradman or Hammond? It looks as if that is going to be the big question in the Tests. I believe the Australians plan to see if they can bottle up Hammond—cramp his style—by bowling on his leg stump. Well, is not so good with his on-side play as he is on the off side. What on earth sort of plan we can try against Brad-



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MR. GILMORE ELECTED CAPTAIN

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell was elected to life membership of the Hong Kong Golf Club at the annual meeting yesterday, when he vacated the Captain's chair which he has occupied for four terms. Prior to the announcement, he donated "Captain's Chair" to the Clubhouse.

Mr. G. Gilmore was elected Captain for the ensuing year.

A review of the year's activities revealed a happy state of affairs with regard to the courses, finances and membership.

There were a large number of members at the meeting which was presided over by Mr. Dodwell. Col. E. D. Matthews, Secretary, was present.

The Chairman first of all mentioned the names of members lost by death during the year, namely C. E. Anton, P. E. Barker, J. W. C. Bonnar, Col. Dumbell, E. O. Drake, C. E. L. Gribb, F. C. Jenkin, C. Bulmer Johnson, E. A. Jones, A. Keith, Major F. C. Jo Gros, Dr. A. J. Lawson, R. J. Paterson and W. Sanderson.

Considering all things, the year under review must be considered a very satisfactory one, continued Mr. Dodwell. Our liquid assets are much the same as they were a year ago in spite of the rather heavy extra expenditure on Fanning clubhouse alterations. Our working profit was \$18,084.23 against \$18,085.07 in 1935, which has enabled us, in addition to making the customary provision for depreciation, to write off entirely the cost of the new bar in the Men's Fanning Clubhouse.

At the comparatively small cost of \$3,400 the old clubhouse has been adapted to permit us to indulge much more comfortably by the provision of seating and alterations to the Ladies' Clubhouse have been carried out with universal approval. A great deal of the supervision of this work, in the absence of the Secretary, fell upon Major Walker. Besides a much more presentable and comfortable dining room, the ladies now have a spacious and airy dressing room.

POSSIBLE INCREASE

Turning again to the accounts, comparison with last year has proved difficult owing to the very large difference in the rate of exchange between the two years which is perhaps best exemplified when I say that in April 1935 we were paying 3/6d. for 100s. while to-day Mrs. Hitchens is giving us what I think must be generally considered a very good 100s. for about 1/10d. The lower exchange has so increased the price of provisions that it is questionable whether there may not have to be some small increase in the price for meals.

You will notice that the report shows playing members present in the Colony at September 30 as 534; to-day the number is increased to 560. The number of subscribers shown on the report is Navy 50, Army 50, a total of 100. To-day the number is approximately 225, accounted for, by the large number of H.M. ships which have returned to the Colony. In spite of the few ships on the station, last winter, subscriptions are only down by \$644. Entrance fees are credited to the Fanning rebuilding fund which benefited from them this year to the extent of \$6,750 (net). In this connection it may interest you to know that under the rule permitting refund of half entrance fees to members transferred within a year, we made refunds of \$75 each to four members between July and September 1935 and to 11 between October 1935 and September 1936.

Working account receipts are down by \$2,455 but the expenditure is also down by \$3,322 largely due to the up-keep of the Fanning courses costing us some \$3,155 less than in 1935. The comparison is perhaps a little unfair because very heavy expenditure was incurred in 1935 in levelling the entire fairway of the No. 3 Hole on the New Course. Nevertheless I am sure that all members will agree with me that the manner in which the many improvements decided upon by the Committee has been carried out does a great credit to Mr. Hitchens. (Applause).

RECEIPTS UP

During the year, a survey of the Old Course was made by Professor Redmond for which he deserves our very best thanks. (Applause). This survey is now available should it later be decided to consult a golf architect at Home with a view to improving some of our more characterless greens and their bunkering. Out expert advice is a much more expensive matter than anticipated.

I am pleased to say that under the heading of what we call our Trading Account, receipts were up \$3,250. Men's everywhere produced more revenue also did the sale of liquor in all the Club Houses. The sale of clubs more than doubled and golf balls produced \$3,000 more than last year. The welcome increase in our trading receipts and the fact that our bad debts only amounted to \$25.43 are probably more reliable signs of economic recovery than any other in the Colony.

During the latter part of the year special arrangements have been made with the Hongkong Travel Association whereby tourists can use the Club's courses during mid-week. I would like it as widely known as possible that they can obtain from the Travel Association's car, complete with which to their accounts, for it is rather surprising that up to the present this facility has only been utilized twice, despite the fact that it was supposed to be a very long (and) want.

Interpret Matches have by mutual consent been dropped for the time being, because it has been almost impossible in the depression, to get

together representative teams. It is to be hoped that at no far distant date these enjoyable fixtures may be resumed.

CADDIE SYSTEM

I would like to take this opportunity of saying a few words about the caddie system at Fanning. The Committee trust that members, who they are satisfied or dissatisfied with their caddies will express the fact on the special forms provided. These forms, if filled in to the caddies advantage, are virtually caddies, for every month prizes are awarded on the strength of them to about 20 caddies. Every one from the Captain down to the most recently joined member secures the next caddie for duty; there is no earmarking of any kind whatsoever and if I might venture to give a little fatherly advice based on experience in the matter of handling the Fanning caddie, it would be this — a pound of encouragement is worth more than a ton of abuse if you want to get the best out of him.

Daylight saving has again come to the fore and though, in my Poo Bah-like capacity in the Colony I am placed in a very awkward position vis-a-vis daylight saving, as Captain of this Club I can say without much fear of contradiction that half an hour more daylight in the winter months would be a Godsend to the Golfer.

CAPTAIN FOUR TIMES

Our special thanks are due to Mr. W. A. Butterfield, who for many years has devoted a lot of his time to the Deep Water Bay course and buildings. (Applause.)

Finally Gentlemen, whatever else may have been accomplished during my term of office there is one thing in which the outgoing Committee and I, take special pride. The pimple (Laughter) which for so long disfigured the fair face of the Old Course, have gone for ever.

To commemorate their disappearance I ask the Club to accept from me a chair for the new bar to be called the Captain's Chair, and whenever the Captain is out at Fanning and any other member or subscriber sits in his chair by mistake, the penalty will be one round of drinks to all at that particular table in memory of the departed pimple. (Laughter.)

With these remarks I beg to move the adoption of the report and the accounts.

Mr. R. Young seconded and the meeting approved.

The Hon. Mr. Dodwell, proposing the election of Mr. Gilmore as Captain during the coming year, said he was a very experienced player and had been born with a golfing spoon in his mouth. The Hon. Mr. Edgar Davidson seconded and, in accepting Mr. Gilmore said it was probably unique that he should be elected at the same time that his wife was captaining the Ladies' Section.

The following Committee was elected: Messrs. E. Davidson, A. E. Lissaman, A. K. Mackenzie, K. S. Morrison, Professor F. A. Redmond, Messrs. D. S. Robb, K. S. Roberts, Mr. R. D. Walker and R. Young.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors. Mr. Davidson then proposed the election of the retiring Captain to life membership of the Club. In a eulogistic speech he remarked that Mr. Dodwell was a keen enthusiast and had the distinction of four times being Captain. He had put in a great deal of time on the Course and in the work attaching to the running of the Club and this act was a fitting recognition. Mr. Morrison seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

FRIENDLY FOOTBALL

Local Indians To Play
Kumaon Rifles

An interesting football match will take place on Christmas Day between a team of Indians resident in the Colony and the Kumaon Rifles at Chatham Road, at 4 p.m.

The following have been chosen to represent the Indians: S. Bux (St. Joseph's); A. J. Hussain (St. Joseph's); A. O. el Arcuili (St. Joseph's); A. S. Baker (St. Joseph's); O. Omar (St. Joseph's) and S. Hamet (Eastern F. C.); M. H. Hassan (St. Joseph's); M. R. Abbas (Indian R. C.); A. M. Omar (St. Joseph's); B. M. Azim (Radio S. C.) and A. A. Rumjahn (St. Joseph's). Reserves: A. R. Tazack (St. Joseph's); E. R. Marker (Radio S. C.); M. el Arcuili (Indian R. C.); S. Yusuf (Radio S. C.); and A. R. Marker (St. Joseph's).

REGISTRY WEDDINGS

TWO GROOMS CONNECTED
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Two missionaries of the Basel Mission, Shanghai, not only became bridegrooms at the Registry yesterday but acted as witness for one another in their respective marriages. They were the Rev. Emil August Kaufmann and the Rev. Wilhelm Philipp Weikum, and they married Miss Hanna Wilhelmina Schollzeiger and Miss Ruth Hanhart respectively. Both brides belonged to the same mission.

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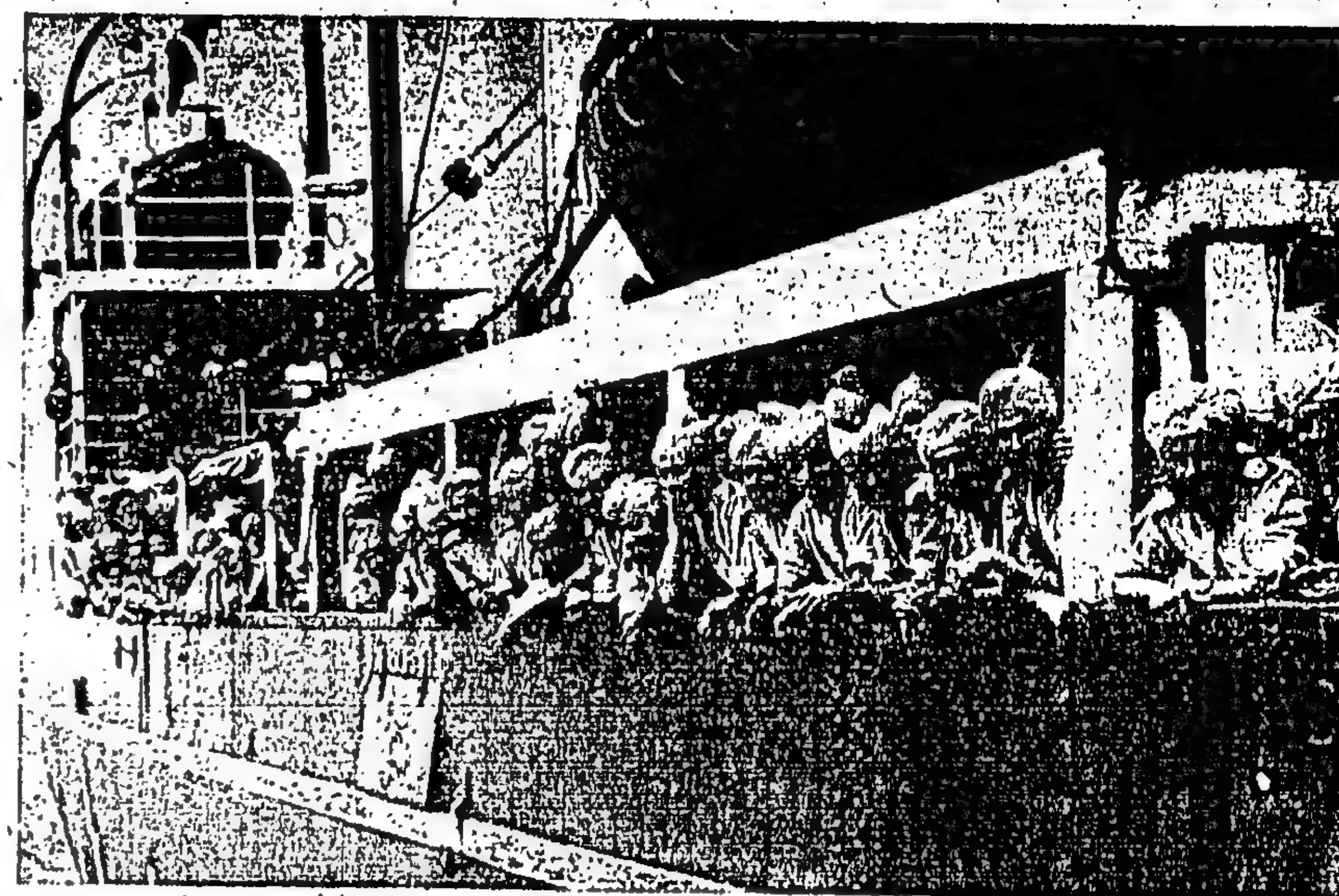
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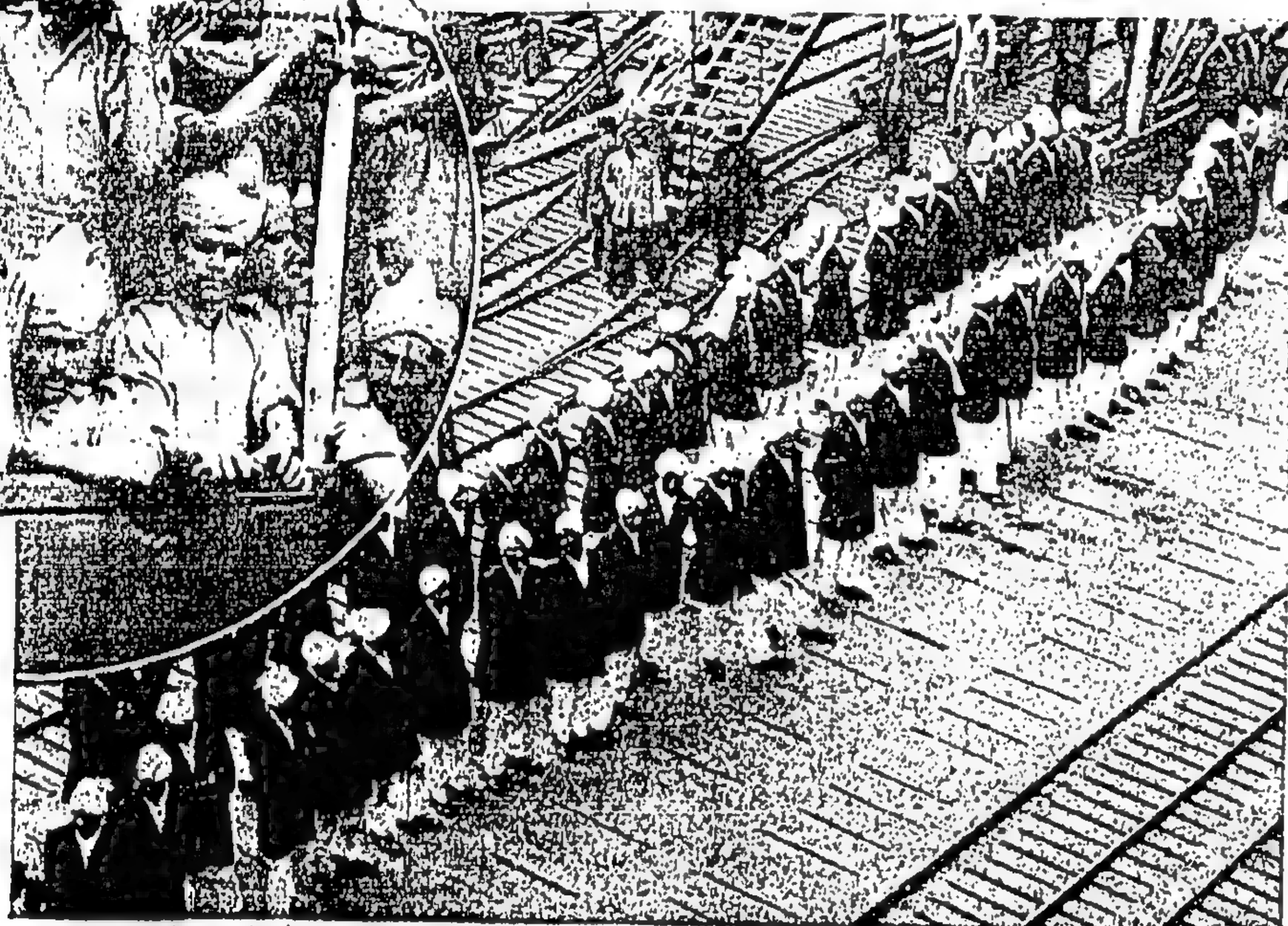
An enthusiastic gathering attended the Annual Dinner of the Hongkong Referees Association last Wednesday.



A study in faces aboard the Santhia just before its departure.



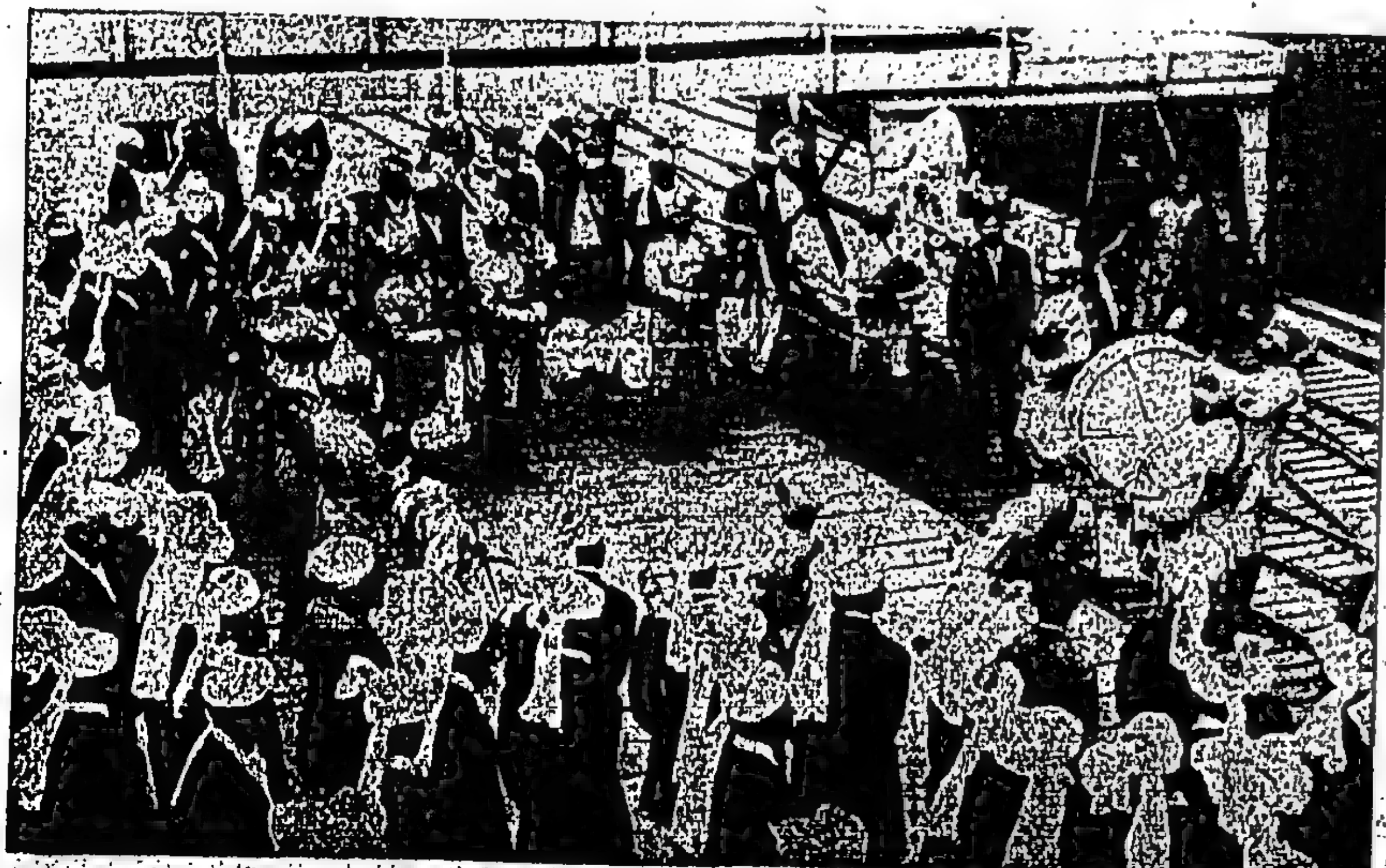
Few of these soldiers were sorry to see the last of Hongkong as their trooper—the Santhia—pulled out from Holt's wharf, for they are returning to their beloved India.



Troops of the Hongkong and Singapore Royal Artillery lined up on the wharf as the Santhia slowly pulled out into the harbour.



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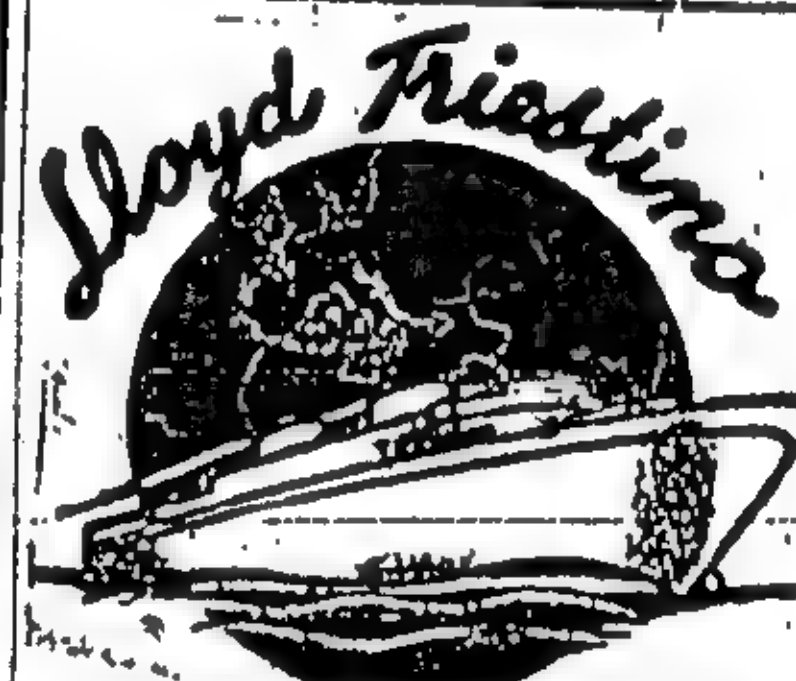
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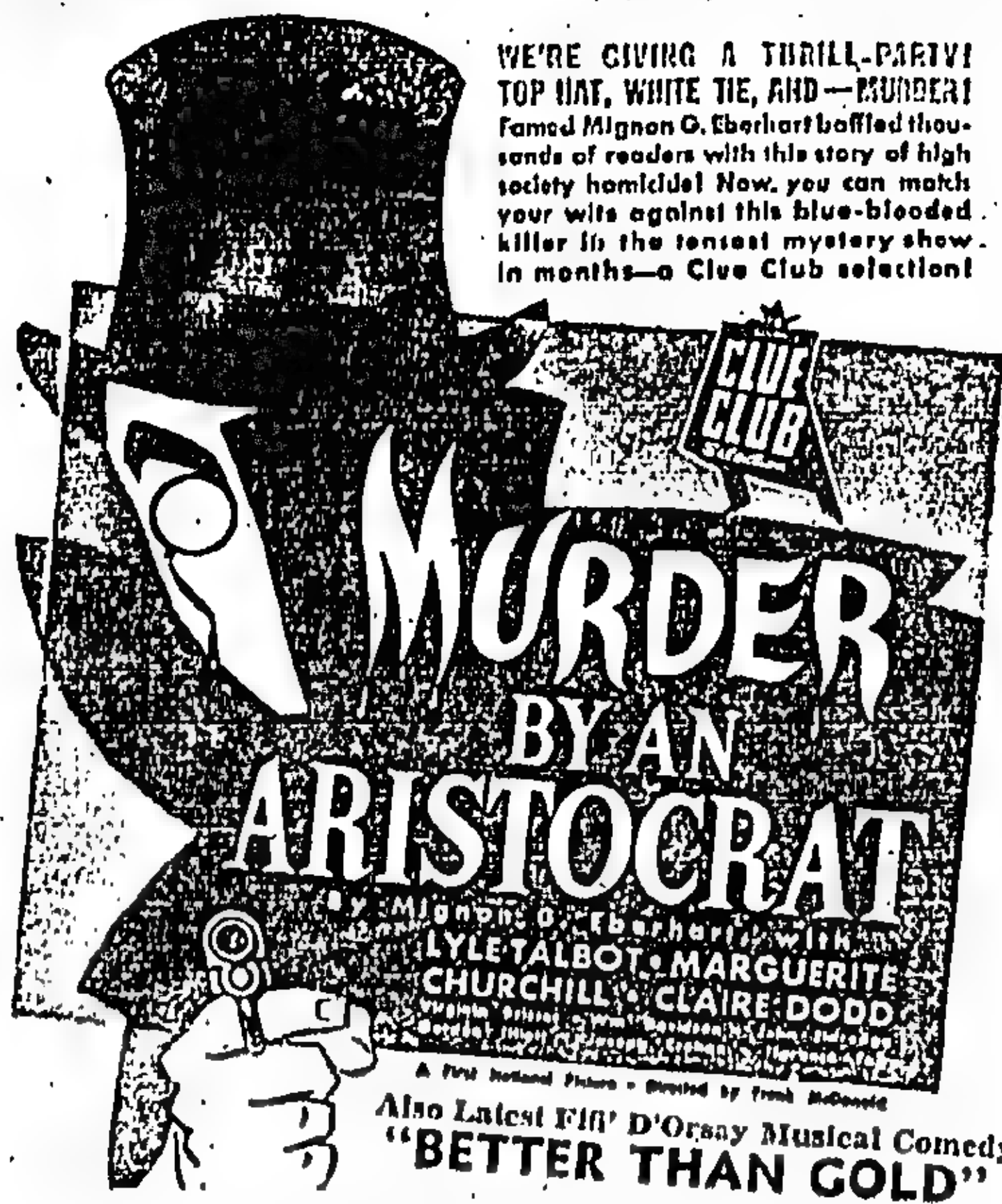
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Instead of puttees the uniform had trousers, and bore the regimental badges.

Scottish units would keep the kilt for the Coronation, and the rifle regiments would wear their green.

"Nobody is going to touch the kilt," Mr. Duff Cooper commented. "General Sir Harry Knox, the Adjutant-General."

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FIRST AUTOMATIC 'PHONE

Invented by Exasperated American Undertaker.

Do you know how and when automatic telephones were first invented? The explanation was given by Mr. S. Horrox, Superintendent, Edinburgh Central Telephone Exchange, in a lecture to members of the Royal Scottish Society of Arts, this month in the Society's house at 16 Royal Terrace, Edinburgh. Professor A. R. Horne, president of the Society, occupied the chair.

Automatic telephones, said Mr. Horrox, were invented in 1880 by Strowger, an undertaker and telephone subscriber in Kansas City, who was driven to desperation because of his exasperating experiences in being connected with wrong numbers under the old manual system.

Strowger's invention had developed into the accurate and speedy automatic systems employed to-day, and his principles formed the basis of the present standard system used by the British Post Office.

Already more than 40 per cent. of British telephone subscribers were on the automatic system, and the "old manual" exchanges by automatic ones was proceeding rapidly.

Similar strides had been made in the method of distributing telephone lines, and overhead systems were gradually being replaced almost entirely by underground cables.

Mr. Horrox said that Alexander Graham Bell's experiment into the possibility of speech over electrically charged wires gave successful results on June 2, 1875, and within 24 hours the first electrical speaking telephone had been constructed. Naturally, much remained to be done before the instrument was suitable for practical use, and a patent was not registered until February 1876.

The first telephone switchboard in the world was opened for eight subscribers at New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A., in January 1878, the first in Britain being opened in August 1879. From the elementary single wire circuits arose the magneto system, whereby subscribers called the exchange by turning the handle of a small generator.

Switching systems were generally improved, and a great advance was made with the introduction of the central battery system, whereby the subscriber automatically called the exchange by lifting the receiver. The first exchange of this type was introduced at Bristol in 1900.

Duels Ruin A Beauty's Nerves

HER HUSBAND SENT NINE CHALLENGES

Budapest, Dec. 20. Dr. Sargis Sargis, who took up the sword in defence of his wife's honour, will only have to fight three or four duels, not nine.

He settled the other disputes to-day by amicable means.

Excitement and the strain of waiting have caused Mrs. Sargis to have a nervous breakdown. She is a beautiful Budapest woman, formerly Fraulein Magda Marko, granddaughter of the General-Director of the Hungarian National Bank.

Dr. and Mrs. Sargis eloped and were married last January. He was arrested for kidnapping, and the challenged men between of statements they made about the affair.

New 'Head' For Westminster Is First Layman

Mr. John Trull Christie, headmaster of Repton School, has been appointed headmaster of Westminster School, in succession to Dr. Costley-White.

Mr. Christie is 37, and the first lay-



man to be appointed "head" at Westminster. While he was at Repton he abolished the traditional Eton jacket, which, he said, "resembles what the services call 'monkey jackets,' and they may suit monkeys, but not human beings."

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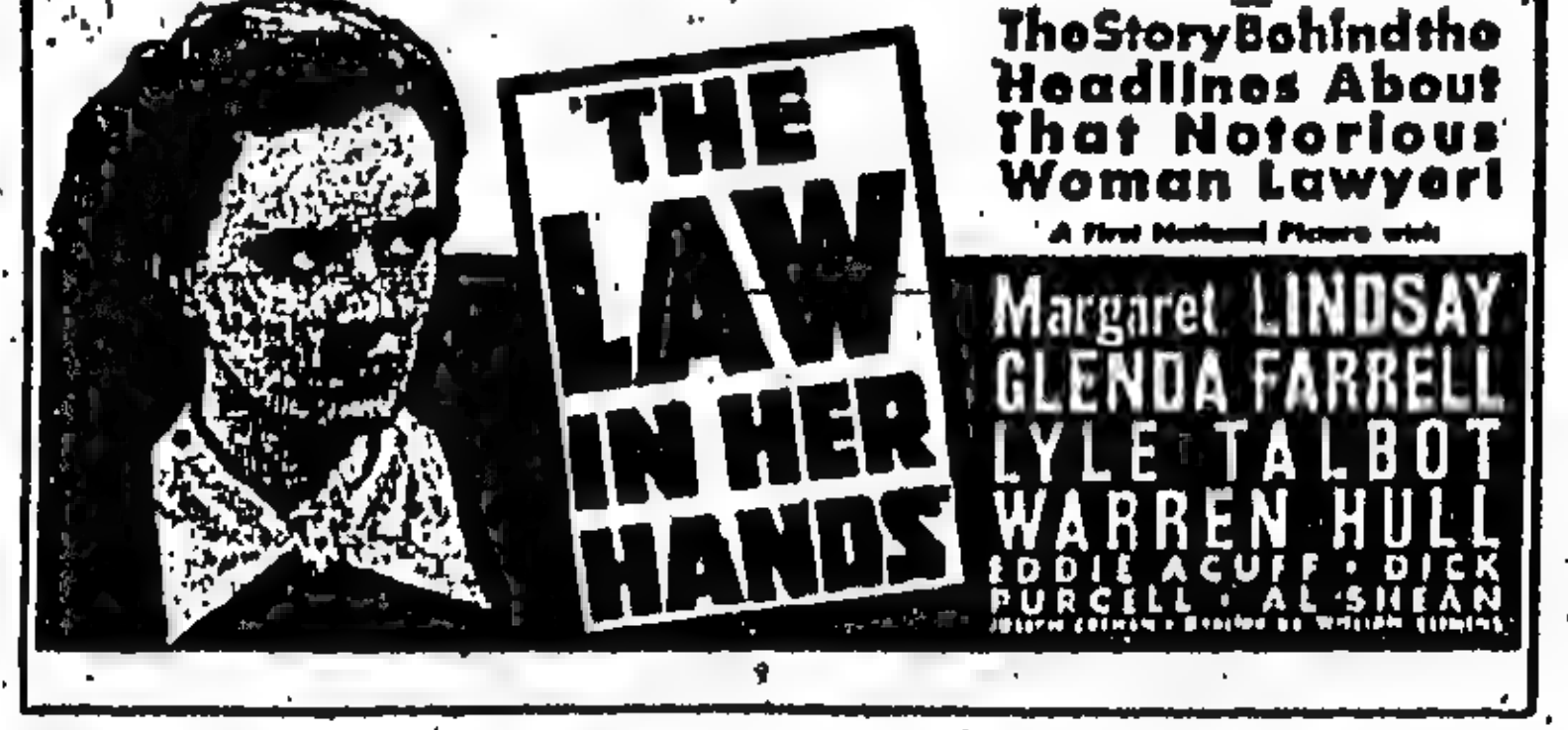
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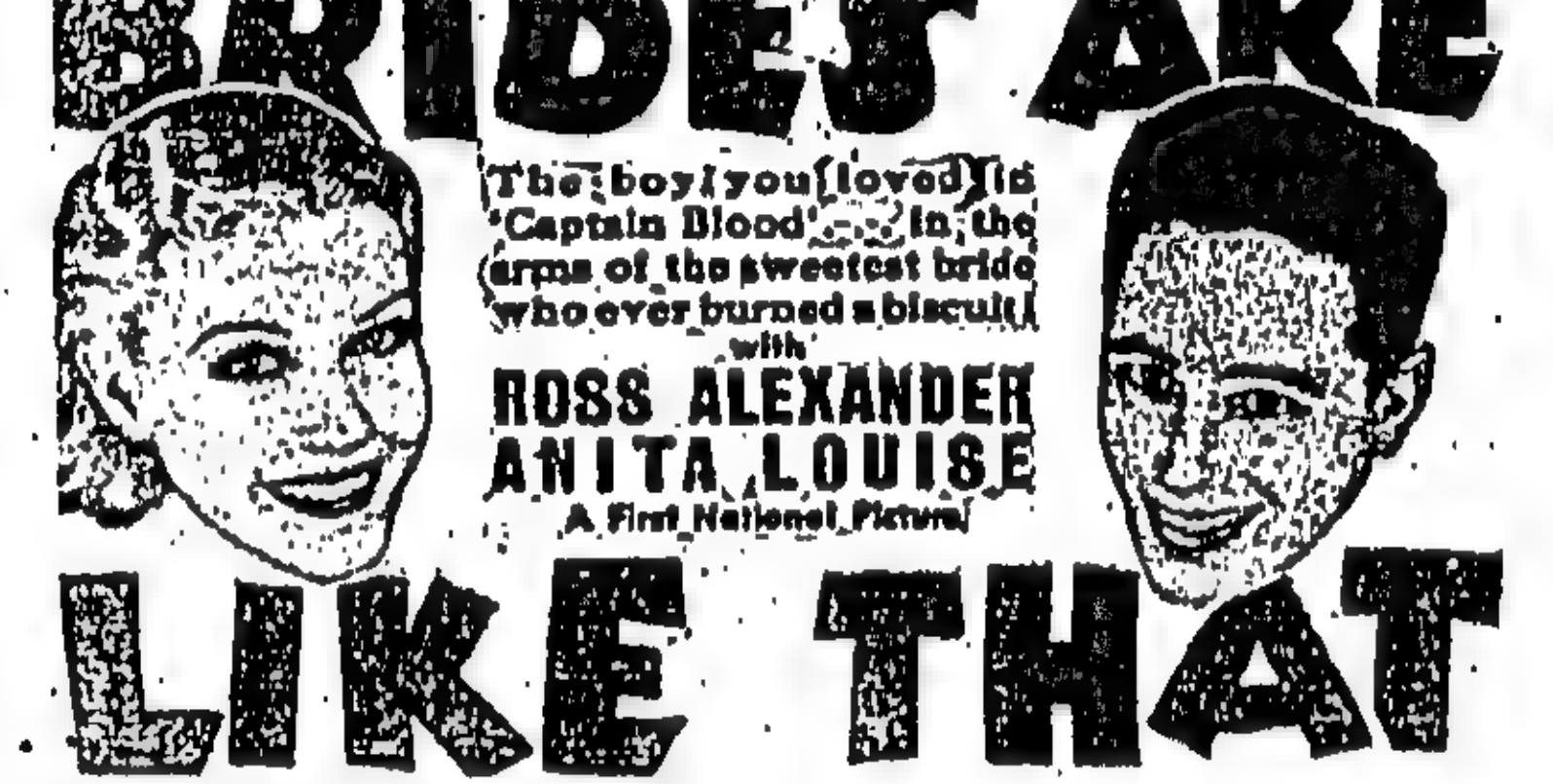


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4 p.m. to 4 a.m. FROCKS

"WHAT shall I wear at winter parties?" That is the question that I am most asked just now.

Some readers want to hear about frocks for dinners and dances; others for cinemas and "little" evenings at home or Bridging with friends; there is a big demand, too, for frocks that can make their bow with equal glamour between 4 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Luckily for the four-to-four o'clocks, fashion has provided for just what they want this season. Long sleeves and high necks are *de rigueur* for the evening. What really differentiates between a day frock and an evening one this winter is the length of the skirt. So if you have a long-skirted frock, either with or without a train, you are safe in putting it in the four-to-four category.

THE third figure in the Angrove sketch here shows a lovely cocktail-dinner-evening frock.

To-day's Menu

TOMATO HORS D'OEUVRE
ROAST WILD DUCK
ORANGE SALAD
SUMMER PUDDING

CHOOSE nice firm little tomatoes, quite ripe, empty them and fill them up with finely chopped hard-boiled egg mixed with mashed "sardines" and moistened with some of the tomato pulp. Season well with cayenne.

Serve with the roasted duck a salad of plain lettuce on which are arranged peeled sections of raw orange. Dress with French dressing or mayonnaise.

Plums, which are so plentiful, will form an excellent base for the summer pudding, which is so much better when made with stale cake than with bread!

velvet mounted on a silk top and the tunic, cut on the latest up-in-the-front down-at-the-back line, is made of tree-bark satin—a supple and lovely material that looks almost like lame.

There is such a big choice in evening frocks that the most hard to please amongst us



could not fail to find something to "enthuse" about.

ANOTHER cocktail-dinner-evening frock that I specially picked out is made of tulle.

You can see in the sketch how smart it looks, with Elizabethan-like collar, important puff sleeves and diamante corsage ornament. The flared skirt is just the newest thing.

For dances and ceremonial occasions the styles are nearly as varied as the materials. There are prim frocks of puffed tulle or slipper satin; or

dresses with graceful, slinky lines in lames and metal brocades, supple satins and crepes; or exquisitely airy fairy affairs in chiffon.

Chiffon is so essentially soft and youth-making that I prophesy it will be a best-seller. Look at the seated figure in the sketch. The soft pleated flounce that outlines the décolletage is very becoming; the diagonal pin-tucking reaching to just above the knees, where the frock flutes out into a beautiful sunray-pleated flounce, is slimming to a degree. The long-ended sash has a crepe slip.

In flame colour, or royal blue this frock could be gracefully worn by the older woman as well as the quite young girl; while in snow-drift white it's the perfect debutante dance frock.

It's mounted on a staffetta slip, which is the best insurance against its ever looking "tired" even at four in the morning.

Another pretty chiffon dance frock, has a plain, sleeveless V-necked top with a dear little detachable cape trimmed with flounces to match the flounced hem of the skirt. This dress has a crepe slip.

"A" IS FOR "APPLE"

THOSE of us who have a few fruit trees, and those others who have the chance to buy apples cheaply, will possibly like to be reminded of a few ways of using them profitably. So this week I am giving three ways of preserving apples, and a pleasant apple dish.

Apple Ginger

PEEL and core the apples, and then weigh them, and for every pound of apples allow a pound of sugar and half a pint of water. Wash the apples, cut them in gradually in the puree, then boil sections as much the same size as again until the mixture sets.

Meanwhile boil the water and sugar together until you have a nice syrup, flavour this with ginger essence until it is as pungent as you like, then drain the apple sections and cook them gently in the syrup until they are transparent. When done, lift them carefully into pots or glasses and pour the syrup over them. Lemon juice and rind can be used to flavour the syrup as well, if liked.

Apple Cheese

THIS kind of thick, jammy jelly is very good for keeping as a winter sweet, and if you store it in pots which will easily turn out, you will be able to have some of these cheeses for an emergency sweet.

Wash and cut up some good cooking apples and cook them in a little water, or with cider, until they are a soft pulp. Then rub them through a sieve, put the puree back into the pan and continue to cook it, stirring all the time, until it is thick. Then measure it, and for each pint allow three-quarters of a pound of sugar, a quarter teaspoonful of ground cloves and the same of powdered cinnamon. Let the sugar dissolve

MINT is difficult to get in wintertime, and most people like mint sauce with lamb or mutton. I think mint jelly is much nicer, and here is a recipe for it.

Make some apple juice, by washing and cutting up some apples without peeling them, putting them into a pan with enough cold water to cover them, then bringing slowly to the boil and boiling gently until they are soft. Strain through a jelly bag all night.

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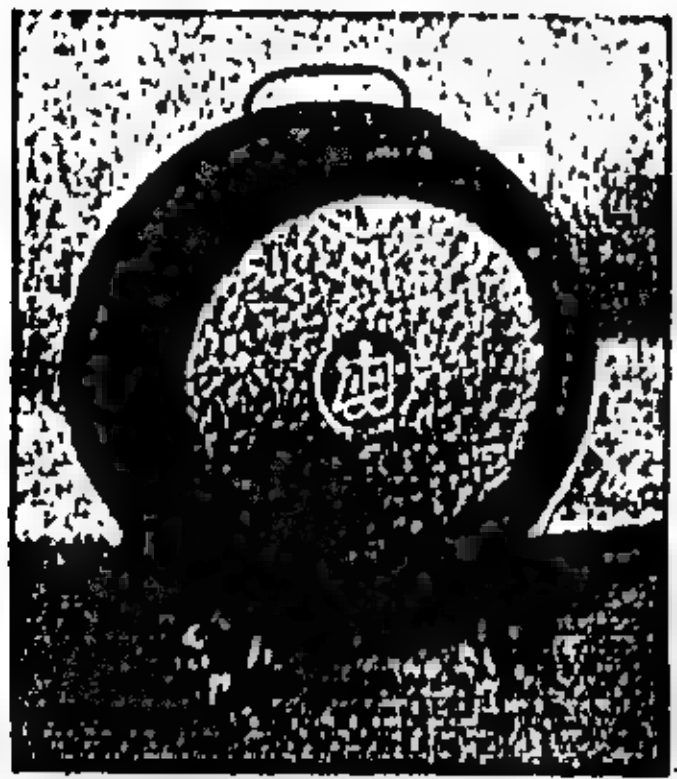
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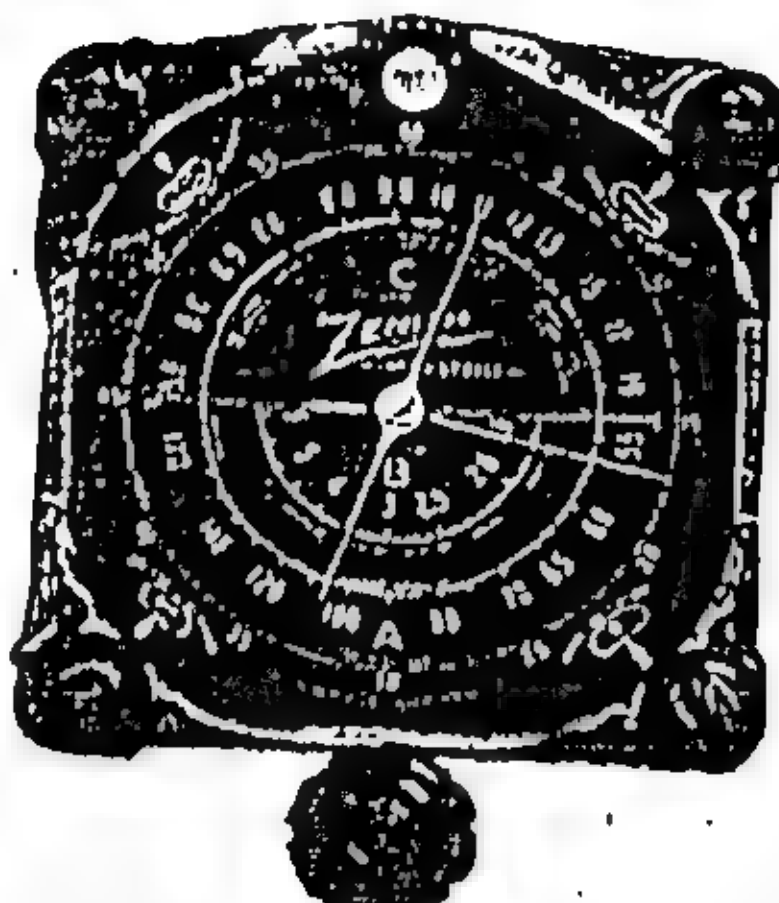
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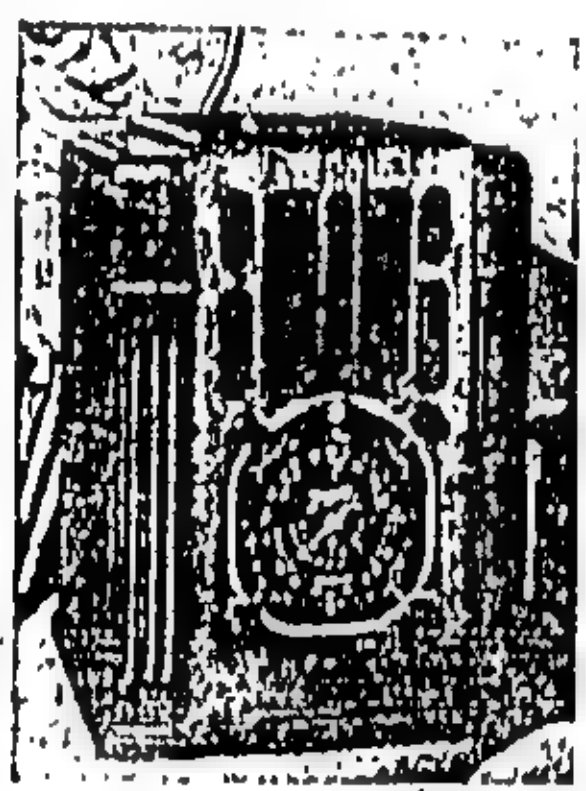
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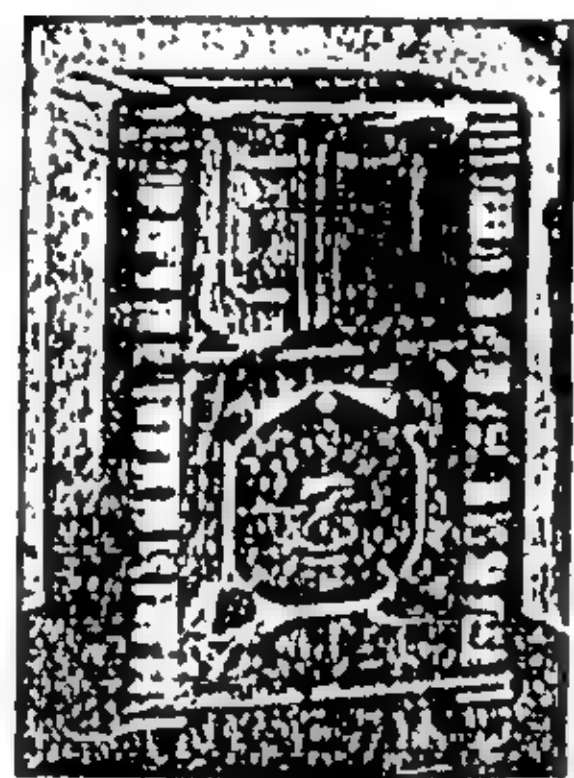


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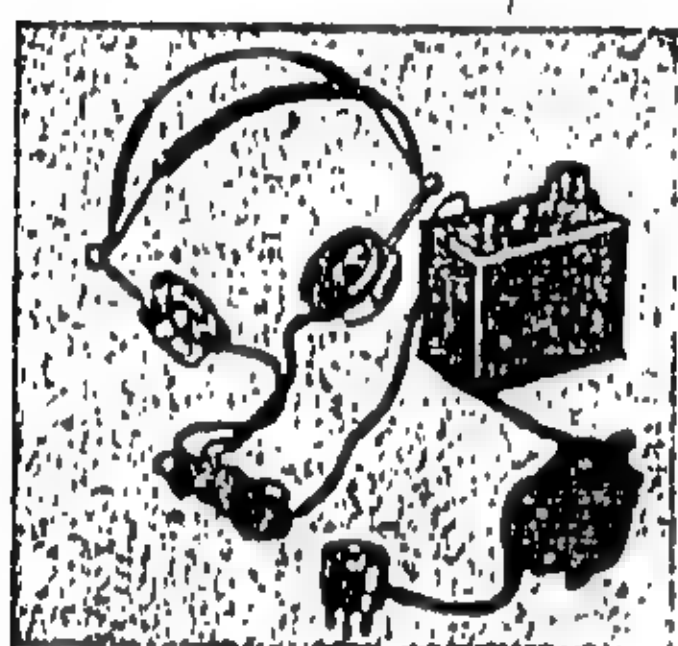
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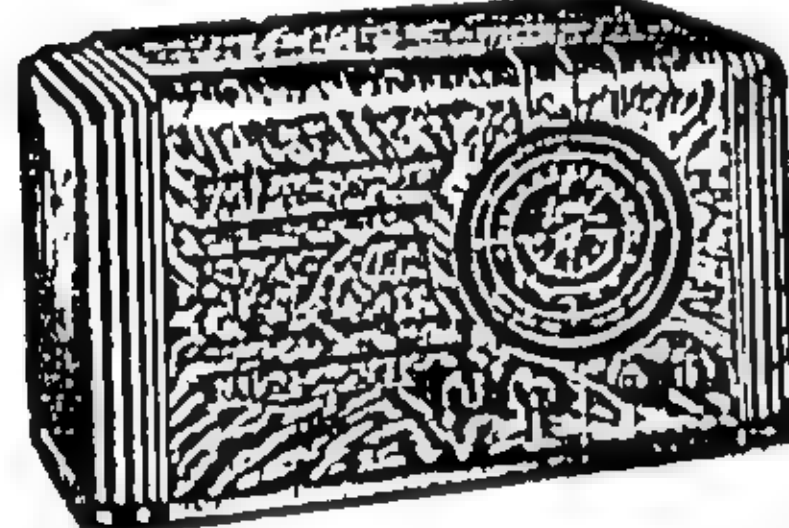
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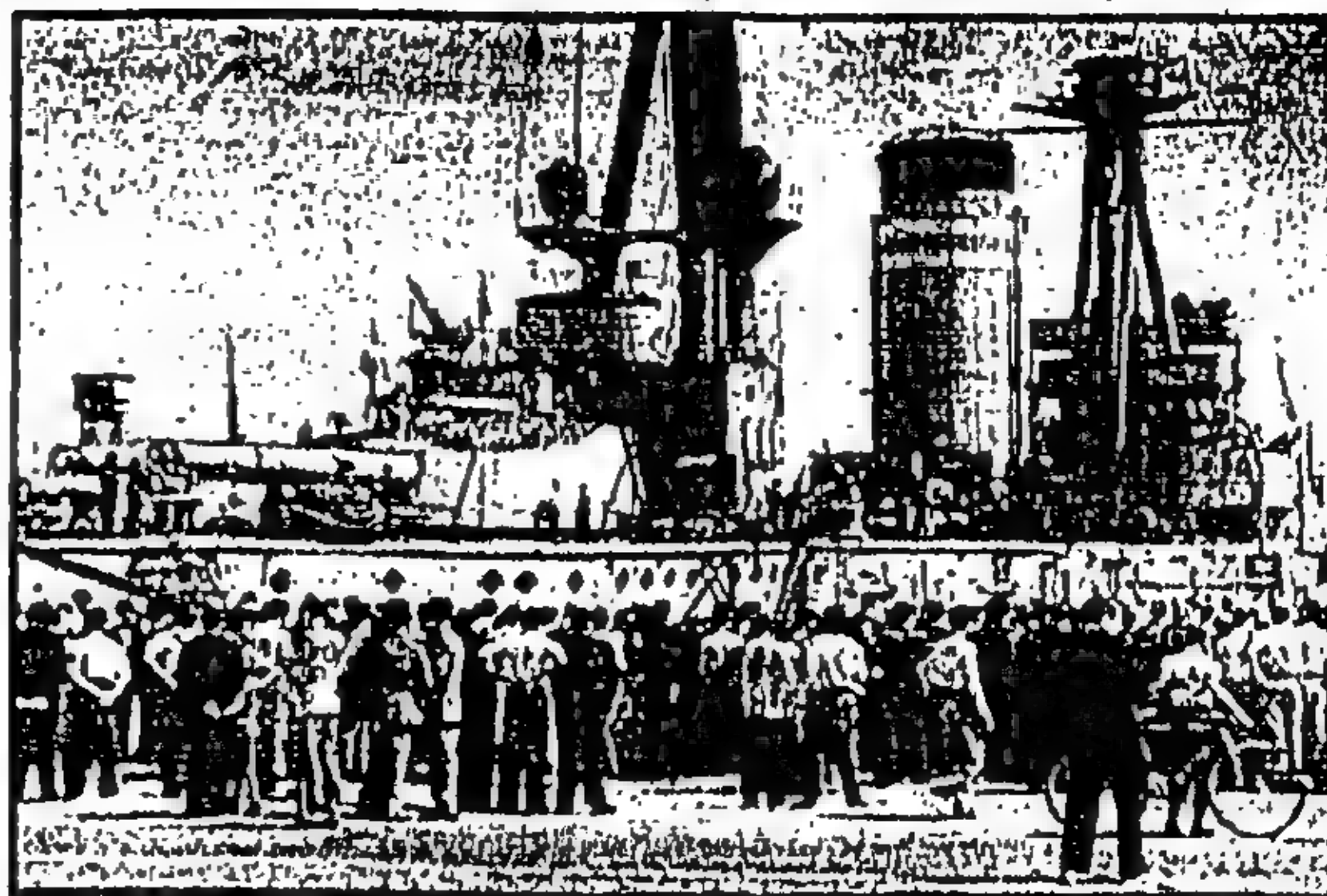
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NEUTRALITY SAFEGUARDS

Washington, Dec. 22. The Supreme Court's decision upholding the American Arms Embargo law, has influenced President Roosevelt to announce that he is seeking new, permanent neutrality legislation at the forthcoming session of Congress, but would not specify details. —United Press.

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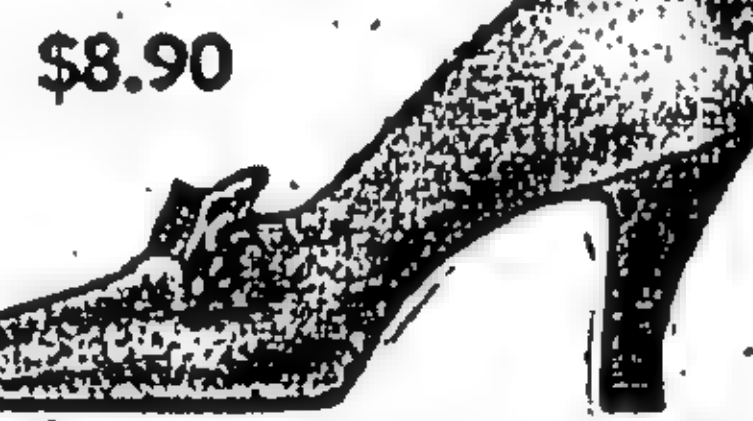


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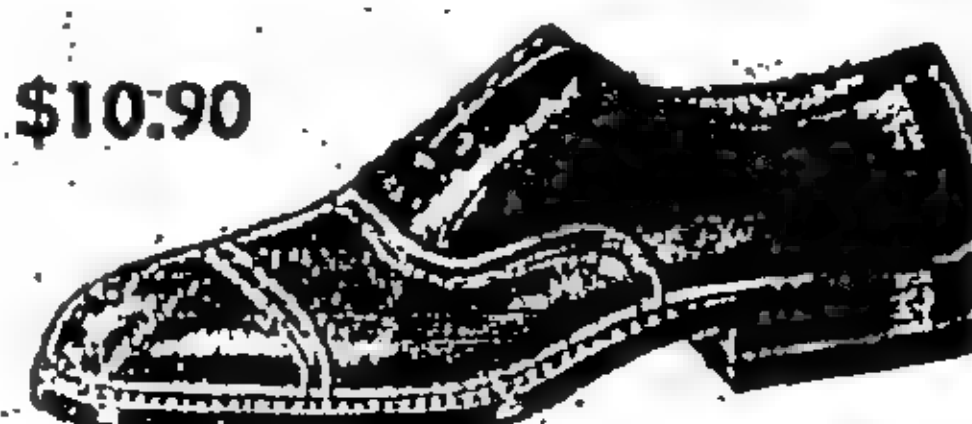
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TWO EUROPEAN STOWAWAYS

FOUND ON EMPRESS OF ASIA

Stowing away on board the R. M. S. Empress of Asia when she sailed from here to Manila on December 16, resulted in the appearance of two Europeans before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistrate's this morning. The men were Vladimir A. Vukobratovic, 30, and Valentine V. Shatohine, 28, both unemployed.

Defendants admitted the charge saying that it was their first and last experience of the kind. They realised the trouble they had caused to the shipping company.

Det. Sergeant Russell stated that defendants came to the Colony on December 16 from Swatow. They left the same day. Defendants' home was in Shanghai. They wished to return there.

Accused were sentenced to two weeks' hard labour each. They will be sent back to Shanghai after the expiration of their prison terms.

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CHOPPER ATTACK ON WOMAN

QUARREL OVER A RING

Sentence of four months' hard labour was passed by Mr. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning on Tsang Wo, 26, coolie, who admitted a charge of unlawfully and maliciously wounding Yim Yam, 43-year-old married woman.

According to Det. Sergt. MacPherson, defendant is a cousin of complainant's husband, and they all lived together in a hut in Tai Ling Tin village. Some years ago defendant gave a ring to the husband, but since then he had asked for its return several times, but without success.

About 4 a.m. on December 7, defendant asked again, but was refused. He then left the house, returning about 12.30 p.m. when he repeated his request. Complainant happened to return from work at that time, and joined in the quarrel. Defendant took hold of a chopper from a table nearby and struck the woman twice in the neck, causing her to remain in hospital for a fortnight.

HEAVY FIRING ON MADRID

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capital continue.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

Railway Bombed

Gibraltar, Dec. 22. A radio broadcast by General Del Lano, at Seville, has been picked up here. The Nationalist leader stated that Loyalist fliers had bombed the Lucena Railway station and also the town of Baena, slaying several civilians.

Rightist troops, he announced, had repulsed a Loyalist attack at Villa Real killing 60.—United Press.

Italy's Loss

London, Dec. 22. It is authoritatively learned that the Loyalist Government has denounced the Italo-Spanish Quick-Silver Cartel Treaty, expiring December 31, indicating it will not be renewed.

It is learned that negotiations are under way whereby a London agency will handle the output of the Almaden quicksilver mines.—United Press.

MANILA SHARES

The following quotations have been received by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office after the close of the morning session:

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Coco Bridge	.34	.35
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Demonstration	.26	.27
East Mindanao	.36	.37
Gold Creole	.24	.25
Gumama Gold	.27	.28
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J. X. L.	1.70	1.75
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Suyoc	.42	.43
United Paracale	1.45	1.50
Universal Exploration	.25	.27
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Gardner Faces Six Charges

HEARING DATE NOW FIXED

Five further charges of fraudulent conversion of money and fraudulent fixing of revenue stamps to documents were preferred against Joseph Charles Gardner, aged 40, when he appeared on remand before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistrate's to-day, charged with the fraudulent conversion of \$31 given to him by his employers, the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., for the purchase of revenue stamps on January 5, 1935.

Appearing for the prosecution, Mr. E. H. Williams, the Assistant Attorney-General, in handing the charges to the Court, said that of the six charges which Gardner now faced, three related to the fraudulent conversion of money, and two to the fraudulent fixing of revenue stamps to documents. He also asked leave to amend the first charge to one for a lesser amount.

Mr. Williams mentioned that, if the prosecution so desired, they could have preferred 200 charges against defendant, but they were content to proceed on six counts only, all relating to the year 1935. Counsel asked that a date be fixed for hearing of the case, and suggested Monday and Tuesday, December 28 and 29. The hearing would take about two afternoons, he thought.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, Sr., for defendant, said he had been instructed that defendant would be very glad to plead guilty before his Worship if his Worship desired to deal with the case himself.

Mr. Williams reminded his Worship that the case was for conviction. Defendant was accordingly remanded until 2.30 p.m. on Monday, December 28, when the hearing will commence.

Pope Pius Broadcasts To-morrow

PHYSICIAN WILL BE CLOSE AT HAND

Rome, Dec. 22. His Holiness the Pope will broadcast Christmas Eve over 10.84 metres, speaking in Italian, and translations will follow in other languages, including English. The exact times for his broadcast have not yet been fixed.

His Holiness will broadcast his physician, Dr. Miliani, will stand at his bedside, ready to give aid if necessary. Pope Pius is expected to spend about half an hour propped up with pillows.

Cardinal Pacelli will also be at his bedside. His Holiness, although it is expected he will remain in bed for another three or four weeks, will receive Cardinal Pacelli and other visitors daily.—Reuter.

POPE OUT OF DANGER

Vatican City, Dec. 22. Physicians announced to-day that His Holiness was completely out of danger and would be fully recovered shortly. However, they pleaded with him to make his Christmas Eve radio broadcast brief. Atrocious pains continues in the Pope's left leg, a Vatican official said to-day.—United Press.

Strike's End Still Distant

MAY TAKE WEEKS TO BRING SETTLEMENT

San Francisco, Dec. 22. Authoritative quarters said to-day that a settlement of the maritime strike "is mechanically impossible in less than three weeks."

Attention is drawn to the fact that the unions must deal separately with the deep sea, steam schooner and Alaska operators, and that any agreements must be ratified. All this takes a considerable time.

Meanwhile, Miss Frances Perkins, the Minister of Labour, is expected to make "an important announcement" from Washington in a day or two.—United Press.

Queen Mary Suffers In Ocean Gale

30 PASSENGERS HURT; 2 SEAMEN DIE

Southampton, Dec. 22. The Cunard-White Star flagship, the Queen Mary, fastest passenger ship on the Atlantic run, was thirteen hours late when she docked here to-day.

The giant ship had suffered the most severe buffeting in her time at sea, was an uncomfortable Christmas voyage. From 30 to 30 passengers were slightly injured.

Two members of the crew died at sea, due to heart failure.—United Press.

SEAFORTH'S DUE NEXT MONTH

FULL LIST OF OFFICERS

Below is the personnel of the 1st Battalion The Seaforth Highlanders, which embarked at Suez on December 14 on their way to Hongkong and are due here on January 5. Other details are arriving from the United Kingdom to join the Battalion, which replaces the 2nd Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment.

The Lancshires are departing on January 12 for Bombay on their way to Ambala and they will travel on the transport which bears their name.

Seaforth's Highlanders: Lieut-Col. J. Muirhead, Mrs. Muirhead and family; Brevet Lieut-Col. G. Lammie and Mrs. Lammie; Major I. C. Barclay, M.A., and Mrs. Barclay; Major G. S. Rawstone, M.C., Mrs. Rawstone, and family; Capt. R. F. Mason, Mrs. Mason and family; Capt. G. P. Murray, Mrs. Murray and family; Lieut. F. H. Neill and Mrs. Neill; Capt. J. R. Mackintosh-Walker, M.C.; Capt. S. J. Ritchie, M.C.; Capt. J. S. H. Douglas, Lieut. I. K. C. Hobkirk, Mrs. Hobkirk and family; Lieut. K. J. G. Garner-Smith, R. G. B. Innes, C. D. A. Ross, E. C. Gray, R. D. Maclean, 2/Lieut. J. M. Marshall, R. R. Hammond Chambers, C. F. Allen, R. I. MacKenzie, Lieut. (QM) R. Paterson, P.C.M., Mrs. Paterson and family.

In addition there are 38 Non-Commissioned Officers who, with ranks, total 673.

Also on the Lancshires are Miss Helen Gray Martin and Miss Jean Imrie, private nurses; Sister Miss H. F. McFeat, Q.A.I.M.N.S. Travelling on the transport on their way to Shanghai are Capt. J. G. Hickson and two ranks of the 1st Battalion, Loyal Regiment, N.C.O.'s of the Royal Signals and the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

LEAVING FOR HOME

There is a large list of personnel of the China Command and their families who are leaving Hongkong for the United Kingdom by the Lancshires. These include the following, though the list is subject to alteration:

Col. J. H. Morris, D.S.O., D.E., Mrs. Morris and the Misses Morris.

Capt. W. F. Rycroft, Mrs. Rycroft and family; Lieut. C. C. Garthwaite; Lieut. C. Ravenshill and Mrs. Ravenshill; all of the Royal Artillery.

Major L. A. A. Alston, D.S.O., M.C., and Mrs. Alston; Major E. S. C. Grune and Mrs. Grune; Capt. R. L. K. Allen G.S.O., all of the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

Major W. E. S. Dowling and Mrs. Dowling, and details of the East Lancshires.

Lieut-Col. C. J. Crawford Jones, R.A.M.C., and Mrs. Crawford Jones; Major R. C. Harris, Mrs. Harris and family, of the 1st Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers (Tientsin).

Mrs. S. J. Barry, wife of Lieut-Col. Barry of the R.A.M.C. (Tientsin), and family.

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There are also 40 Non-Commissioned Officers and their families, the N.C.O.'s and ranks totalling 637.

Sister Miss D. S. Lewes, Q.A.I.M.N.S. will leave for Egypt on the transport.

R.Q.M.S. H. Smith, former assistant Secretary of the Hongkong Football Association, and Bandmaster A. B. Yule, who has been hon. conductor of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society, are well-known personalities who will be missed when the Lancshires leave.

In an attempt to obtain money by false pretences, a Chinese named Chan Kin, aged 32, was arrested yesterday and brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistrate's this morning on a charge of obtaining \$672 by false pretences. Defendant sold to Tam Kwan, shop master of No. 15 Gage Street, a drum of oil, supposed to be pure. On the drum being opened, it was found to contain a mixture of oil and water. Defendant, who had previous convictions, was sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment. Det. Sergeant Mackay prosecuted.

Mrs. Le Gav Breton, Sr., arrived in Hongkong this week from Australia to visit her son and daughter-in-law.

SEEK TO PREVENT STRIKE

GENERAL MOTORS MEETS WORKERS

INDUSTRY AT CRISIS

Detroit, Dec. 22. It is learned that General Motors officials have secretly conferred with the United Automobile Workers' officers regarding the demands of that organisation for recognition. It is believed that the workers have issued an ultimatum that a strike will be called unless recognition is accorded.

Meanwhile, throughout the nation, strikes in glass plants have affected 27,000 men, and the Detroit Production Reporting Agency estimates a sharply curtailed production before the week-end, due to diminishing supplies of brakes, pistons, wheels, glass parts and bodies.—United Press.

UNREGISTERED MUI-TSAI

GIRL BROUGHT HERE FROM PENANG

Tse Sau-ping, aged 40, married woman, was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistrate's this morning, for bringing an unregistered mui-tai, Chan Ah-chew, aged 16, into the Colony.

Defendant pleaded guilty, and said she had only just come from the Straits Settlements and did not know the regulations.

Inspector H. W. Fraser, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, said the girl had been registered in Penang. On December 9, the S.C.A. received a communication from the Chinese Protectorate in Penang, that the girl and her mistress had left for Hongkong. Defendant was found to be living in No. 5 Ning Yeung Terrace, second floor.

No report had been made to the Penang authorities, and no report had been made in Hongkong, continued Inspector Fraser. The girl was very well treated and had little work to do. She also received the prescribed wages for a mui-tai. He had been instructed not to press the case.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$50 on defendant.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Friday, December 25, and Saturday, December 26, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open each day from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day on Sundays and one delivery of Registered correspondence at 11 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

INWARD MAILS

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Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 26th Nov. and London Parcels—London, 18th Nov.	Ranpura	December 24.
Shanghai and Foochow	Shantung	December 24.
Japan	Atsuta Maru	December 25.
Straits	Bangalore	December 25.
Japan, Shanghai, and Europe via Siberia (London, 3rd December).	Comorin	December 25.
Shanghai	D'Artagnan	December 25.
Haliphong	G.G. Paul Doumer	December 25.
Shanghai	Scharnhorst	December 25.
Calcutta and Straits	Sulung	December 25.
Straits	Tushima Maru	December 25.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Wed., Dec. 23, 4 p.m.
Straits	Cremor	Thurs., Dec. 24, Noon.
Air Mail for Canton and Districts	C.N.A.C. plane	Thurs., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 24, Noon.
	Letters	Dec. 24, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow	Kungtung	Thurs., Dec. 24, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	C.N.A.C. plane	Thurs., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and North China (via Shanghai)	C.N.A.C. plane	Thurs., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 24, 7 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
Kowloon P.O.	Reg.	Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Letters	Dec. 24, 5.30 p.m.	Letters, Dec. 25, 5 a.m.
	Friday	
Letters for "Imperial Airways R.M.A. Direct Service"	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri., Dec. 25, 5.00 p.m.
—Due London, 4th January	Reg.	Dec. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Letters for "Australia by Imperial Airways Service"	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri., Dec. 25, 5.00 p.m.
—Due Darwin, 29th December	Reg.	Dec. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Ranpura	Fri., Dec. 25, 8.30 a.m.	
Letters for Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A., by "Pan American Airways Service"—due S. Francisco, 5th January.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri., Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 25, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tjinegaru	Fri., Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand, via Thursday Island	Atsuta Maru	Fri., Dec. 25, 10.15 a.m.
(Due Thursday Island, 7th January)	Reg.	Dec. 25, 11 a.m.
Salmon and Europe via Marseilles	D'Artagnan	Fri., Dec. 25, 10.15 a.m.
(Due Marseilles, 22nd January.)	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Letters, Dec. 25, 11 a.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

I MEAN, BY THE ENJOYMENT OF MY POSSESSIONS, THE MAKING OF THEM USEFUL TO THE PUBLIC.—Addison.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by Hongkong against arrivals from Pakhoi on account of small-pox.

Hearing of the case against Chau Wah, 45-year old earth-carrying coolie on a charge of robbing Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Peacock at Ngau Chi Wan on September 27 was provisionally fixed for December 31 by Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning.

Mr. Alistair Drummond and Miss Leonore Rachel Beatrice Urnston, of Edinburgh, were married at 11.30 o'clock this morning at the Peak Church. The bridegroom is a member of the firm of Lowe, Bingham and Matthews. At 12.30 p.m., a reception was held for friends at Lane Crawford's Reception Room.

Before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistrate's this morning, Miss Fitzpatrick, of the Hotel Cecil was fined \$1 for allowing her dog to wander about Connaught Road Central without a muzzle. The dog was in the street with a lead attached to it. Defendant stated that she was with the dog but had let it go for a few minutes. Mr. Isaki, of 6 Hau Fung Lane, brought his 14-year-old blind and deaf Japanese poodle to Court when he was summoned for allowing the dog to wander outside his house without a muzzle. He was also fined \$1.

A handy leather-covered pocket diary has been distributed by Reiss, Bradley & Co. on behalf of Messrs. Samuel Osborn & Co., steel founders of Sheffield.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., have arranged for a special delivery by motor truck to the New Territories to-morrow (Thursday) for aerated waters, wines and spirits.

Wong Pan, aged 41, unemployed, appeared before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistrate's this morning on a charge of cruelty to fowls. Sergeant Clarke said defendant was arrested in Des Voeux Road yesterday when he was seen by a constable, carrying four chickens in each hand by the wings. Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$15, or, in default, to go to gaol for one month.

A student, Ng Ping-kwan,

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Pantomime Success

Y.M.C.A. PRODUCTION SCORES HIT

Whatever fears may have been entertained of rehearsals by a harassed producer and by members of the press who not infrequently dropped in to see how the show was shaping were quickly swept away last night at the premiere of the Young Men's Christian Association A.D.C. production of "Jack and the Beanstalk."

The happy thought some two or three years ago of confining Y.M.C.A. mid-season activities to pantomime was amply rewarded last night by the applause from one of the most appreciative audiences any local amateur body has ever had.

A delightfully "localised" script, written by the Rev. J. D. Maclean, coupled with a really excellent cast headed by Leonard Starbuck as Widow Wanchal and, last but not least, half a dozen kiddies who "brought the house down," assured genuine success to the Y.M.C.A.'s 1936-37 production.

Lack of space and time precludes a fuller critique in this afternoon's issues of the Telegraph. A fuller report will be published to-morrow, and will be supplemented by "First Night" usual weekly review on Saturday.

CARNIVAL DANCE SUCCESSFUL EVENT HELD BY ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

Carnival revelry held away last evening at the St. John Ambulance Brigade headquarters, when a fancy dress dance was held to raise funds for the Association.

The function was extremely well attended, and there was much fun and jollity during the evening. The Sembr dance orchestra discoursed the music and the duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. S. A. Gray.

Features of the evening included a spot dance, the winners being Mr. and Mrs. Rosario, the presentation of prizes to five wearers of fancy costumes, and the raffling of a doll. The fancy dress prize winners were Miss J. Seth (Egyptian Lady), Miss P. Hayman (Old English Lady), Miss Grace Chiu (Gypsy), Mr. J. K. Sloan (Mexican) and Mr. J. H. Maycock (Foreign Legion). The holder of the winning raffle ticket for the doll was Miss Grace Chiu (140).

The excellent arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. R. Langley (Hon. Secretary) and her hard working committee, while among those present during the evening was Mr. A. Morris (Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade).

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks.	
H. K. \$1,830 b.	
H. K. Banks (Lon. Reg.).	£110 b.
Chartered Bank, £16 1/4 n.	
Mercantile Bank, A. and B.	£32 1/4 n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 1/4 n.	
East Asia Bank, \$83 n.	
Insurance.	
Canton Ins., \$300 n.	
Union Ins., \$615 b.	
China Underwriters, \$1.00 n.	
H. K. Fire Ins., \$300 n.	
Internat'l Assn., Sh. \$3 1/4 n.	
Shipping.	
Douglas, \$30 n.	
H. K. Steamboats, \$7.40 n.	
Indo-China (Prof.), \$35 n.	
Indo-China (Def.), \$36 n.	
Shell (Barrer), 124 1/4 n.	
Union Waterboats, \$10 1/4 n.	
Docks etc.	
H. K. Wharves (old), \$104 ca.	
H. K. & W. Docks, \$13 1/4 b.	
Providents (old), \$145 b.	
Providents (new), 20 cts. n.	
New Engineering, Sh. \$4 n.	
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$90 n.	
Mining.	
Kailan Mining Ad., 14/3 n.	
Raub, \$13.10 b.	
Venz, Goldfield \$8 b.	
Philippine Mining.	
Antamok, P. 1.95	
Atok, P. 45 1/2	
Baguio Gold, P. 25	
Bahatoc Min., P. 14 1/2	
Benguet Consols, P. 17	
Benguet Expt., P. 1.17	
Big Wedge, P. 34 1/2	
Consolidated Mines, P. .03 1/4	
Demonstrations, P. .75	
Ipo Gold, P. .26	
I. X. L., P. 1.75	
Itogons, P. 1.65	
Masbate Cons., P. .40 1/2	
Northern Min., P. .15	
Paracale Gumus, P. .60	
Salmat Min., P. .05 1/2	
San Marcelino, P. 2.80	
Suyoc Consols, P. .43	
United Paracale, P. 1.60	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$5.55 b.	
H. K. Lands, \$33 n.	
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Shui Lands, Sh. \$13 n.	
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —	
Humphries, \$10 n.	
H. K. Realities, \$9 1/4 n.	
Chinese Estates, \$76 ex. Div. n.	
China Realities, Sh. \$4 n.	
China Debentures, Sh. \$60 n.	
Public Utilities.	
H. K. Tramways, \$12.35 b.	
Peak Trams, (old), \$6 1/4 n.	
Peak Trams, (new), \$2 1/2 n.	
Star Ferries, (old), \$98 b.	



Shirley Temple and Michael Waltan in "The Poor Little Rich Girl," showing at the Oriental Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Yaumati Ferries (old), \$25 n.
China Lights, \$12.80 b. and sa.
China Light, (new), \$10 sa.
Ex. D.
H. K. Electric, \$54 b. and sa.
Macao Electric, \$20 n.
Sandakan Lights, \$10 n.
Telephones (old), \$28 1/2 b.
Telephone (new), \$9.95 b. and sa.
China Buses, Sh. \$11 1/2 n.
Singapore Traction, 27/- n.
Singapore Pref., 27/- r.
Industrials.
Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. \$19 1/4 n.
Cald: Macg. (Prof.), Sh. \$15 n.
Canton Leas, \$2.05 n.
Cement, \$10.40 b.
H. K. Ropes, \$2.50 n.
Stores, &c.
Dairy Farm, \$21 1/4 b.
Watson, \$4.85 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$6 1/4 n.
Sinceres, \$3 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$50 n.
Cotton Mills.
Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$14.70 b.
Shai Cottons, (old), Sh. \$85 b.
Shai Cottons, (new), Sh. \$60 b.
Zong Sing, \$26 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$36 n.
Miscellaneous.
H. K. Entertainments, \$3 b.
Constructions (old), \$13 1/2 n.
Constructions (new), 42 1/2 cts. n.
Vibro Piling, \$5.50 n.
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1 Qt. Bot. Anisette Liqueur	
1 Qt. Bot. Findlater Diamond Port	
1 Qt. Bot. Gordon Dry Gin	
1 Qt. Bot. Martell 35 years old Brandy	
1 Qt. Bot. "A Winter's Tale" Sherry	
1 Qt. Bot. Fine Grappes Red Burgundy	
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1 Qt. Bot. Calvet Champagne Brandy	
1 Qt. Bot. Very Old Geneva Gin	
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1 Qt. Bot. Exshaw Brandy	
1 Qt. Bot. Margo Port	
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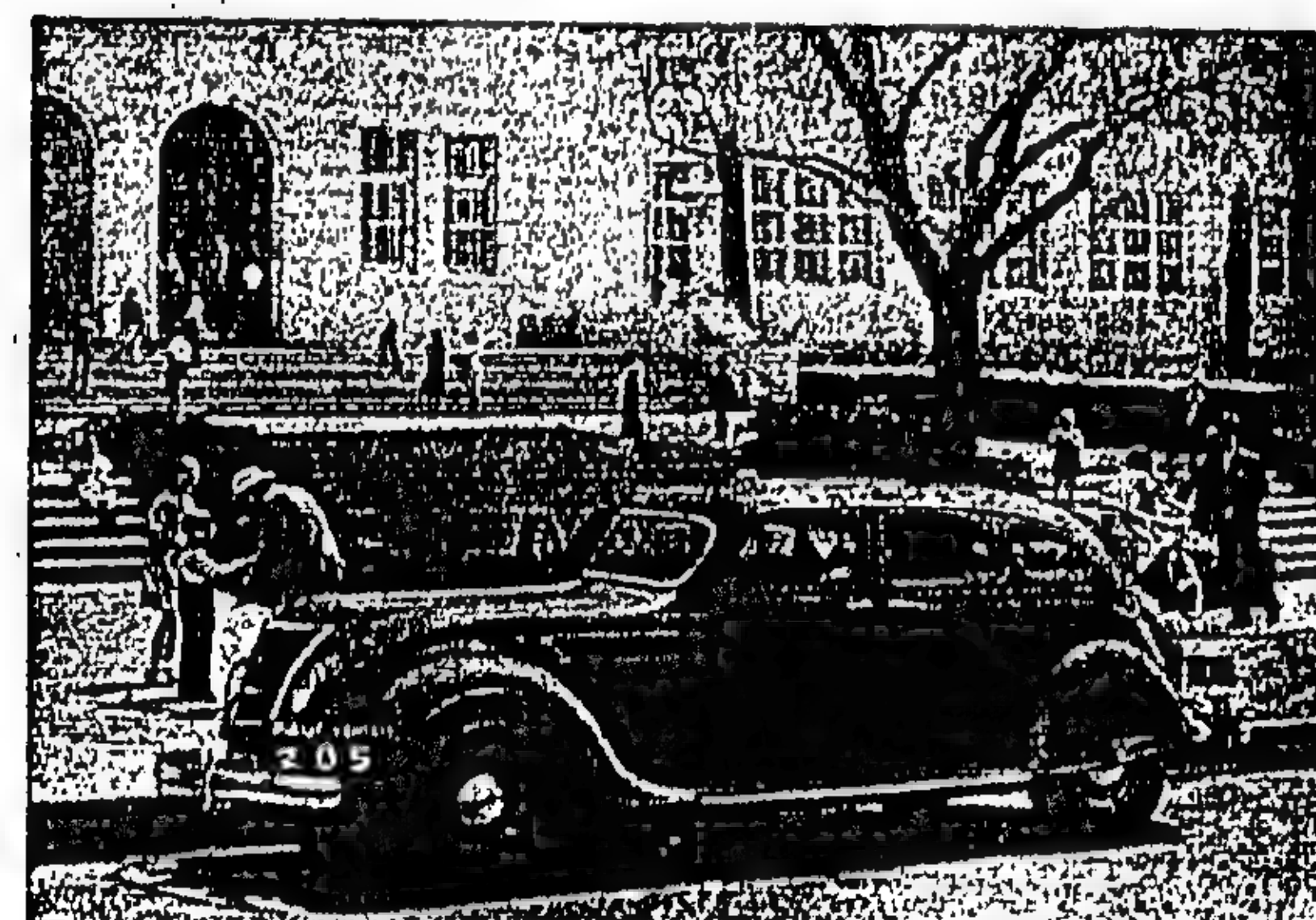
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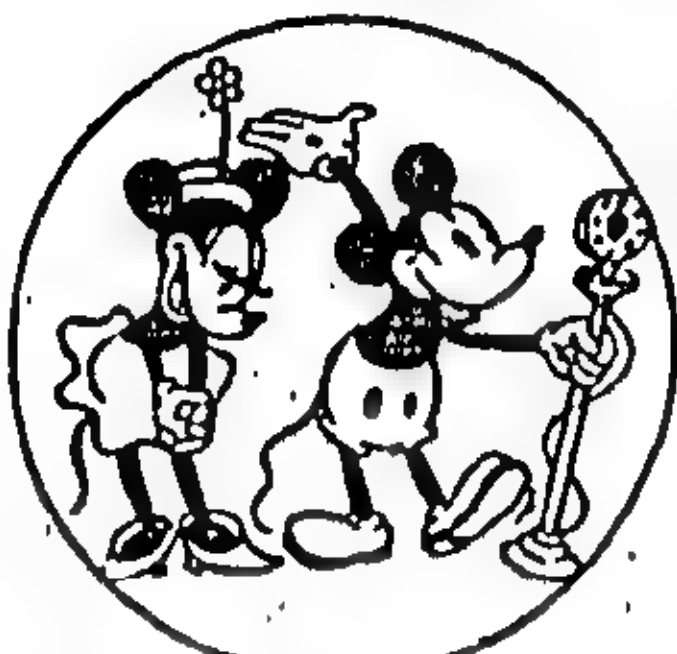
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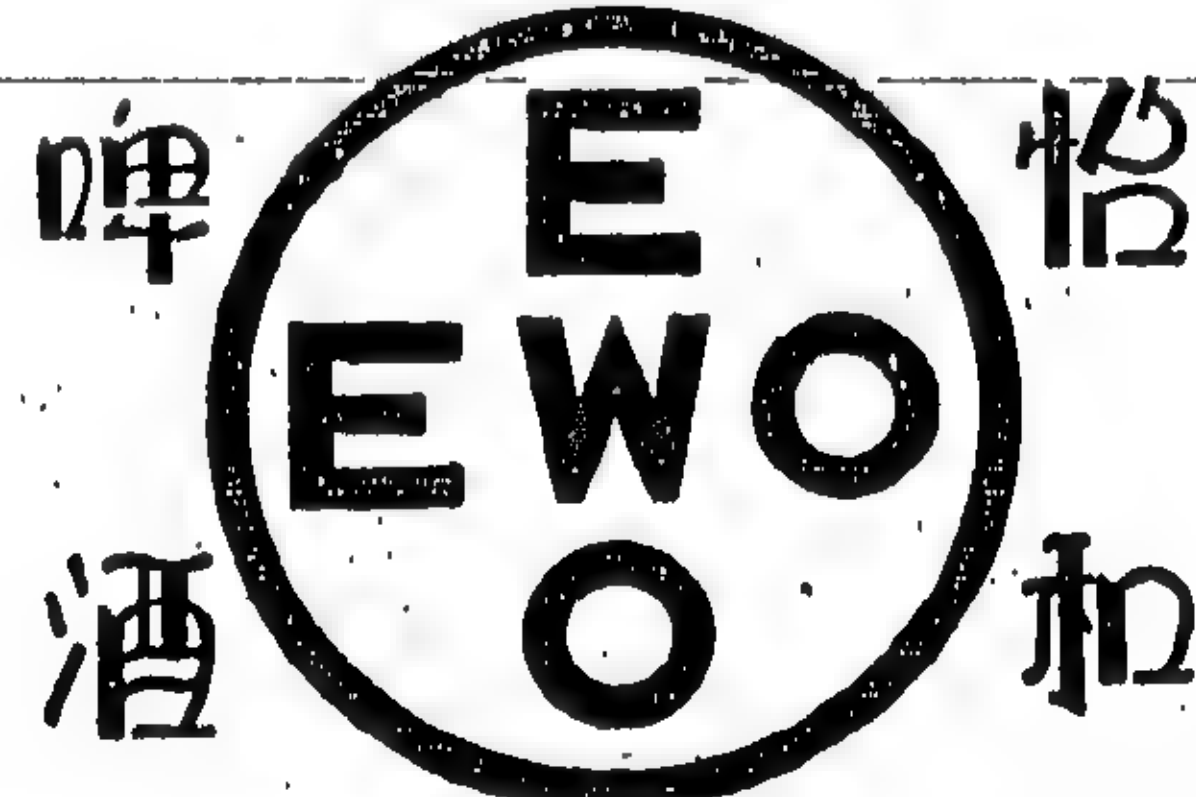
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SCHOOLMISTRESS ATTACKS EXAMS

Schoolchildren have found a champion for their cause in Miss Laura G. Bransom, new president of the London Headteachers' Association.

She attacked the competitive examination in her address to the Association at its annual meeting at Livingstone Hall, Westminster this month.

She described as "pernicious" the effect of these examinations which children had to face at ten years of age.

"If the child is successful and wins his place in the expense of other children," Miss Bransom said, "then the examination grind begins again, for our whole educational system is permeated with it."

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"If he fails—and most do fail—the sense of failure is borne in deeply upon him and he feels at the age of 11 that he has been proved inferior."

She asked for equality in education—pictured an educational system in which all schools would be equal in status and excellence and attended by all children in common.

She said: "If we can afford to spend hundreds of thousands a year on producing and training horses and dogs that will run faster than any other horses and dogs have ever run before, we can, I suggest, afford to give every child in this country the best chance of living fully and happily this life which has, after all, been thrust upon him."

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SCIENCE RANKS

CATS AS POOR

RAT CATCHERS

Ithaca, Dec. 20.

Only a few small female cats are more efficient rat catchers than are large toms, says a Cornell University bulletin on "The Control of Rats."

"It is an unusual cat that will tackle a full-grown rat," the bulletin pointed out.

"The rat's ferocity and vigour in defence is so great that most house cats, though glad to catch the young, pause to reckon before attacking a full-grown rat."

"While many persons think of the cat as a rat catcher, their opinions are based largely on the premise that if the cat catches and kills a half dozen rats a year that they see, then the actual number slaughtered must be much larger."

Dogs, according to the bulletin, make the best rat catchers. A single terrier, the bulletin pointed out, has been credited with killing more than one thousand rats in a year.—United Press.

"Muscle" Plane

Berlin, Dec. 15.

Herr Heino Hoffmann, of Offenbach-on-Main, is reported to have covered a distance of 407 yards in his home-made muscle-propelled aeroplane.

The flight, which was made at Hamburg, is stated to have been carried out under official control.—Central News.

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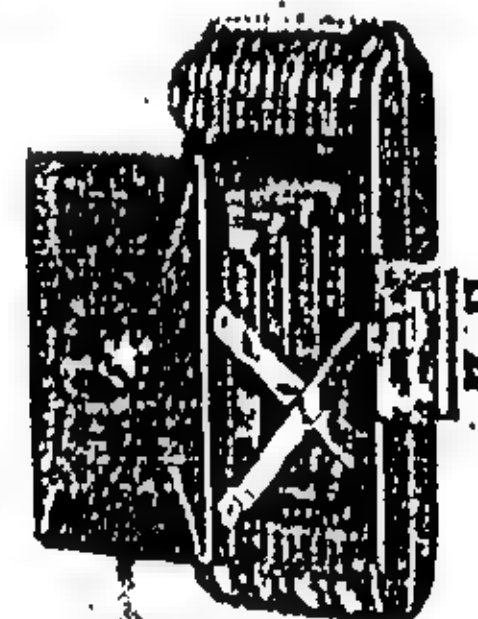
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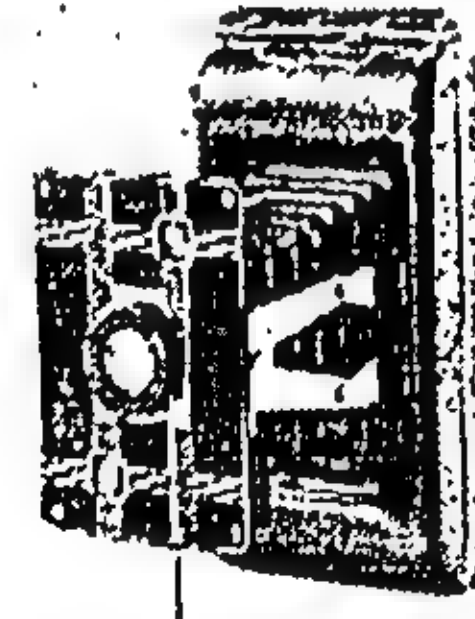
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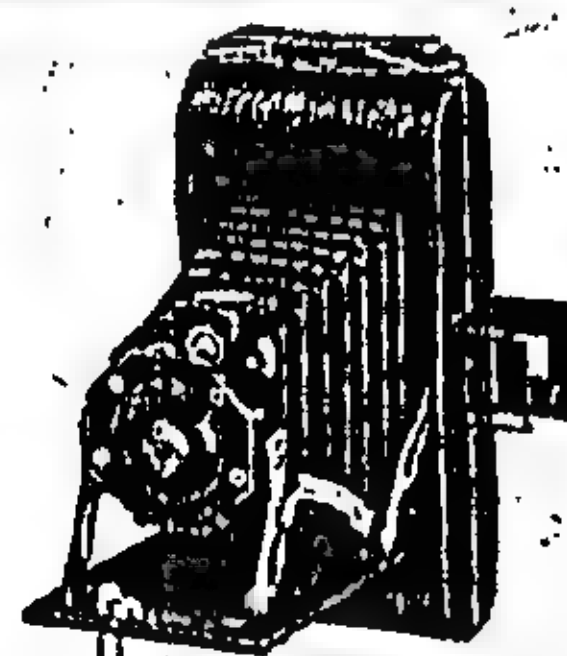
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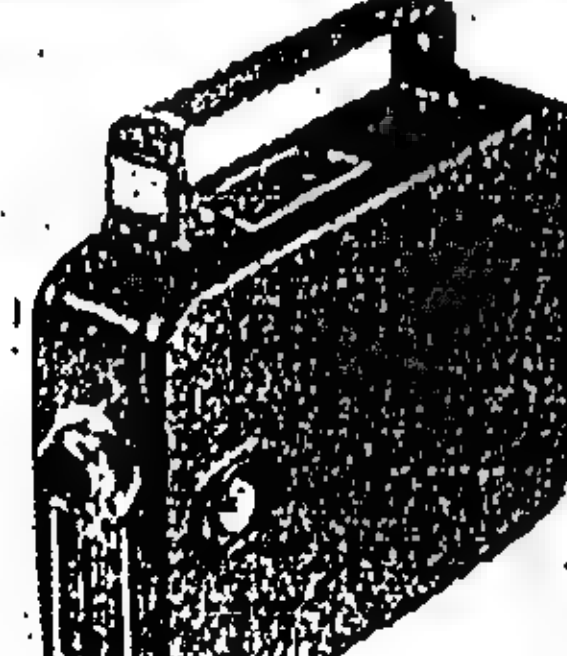
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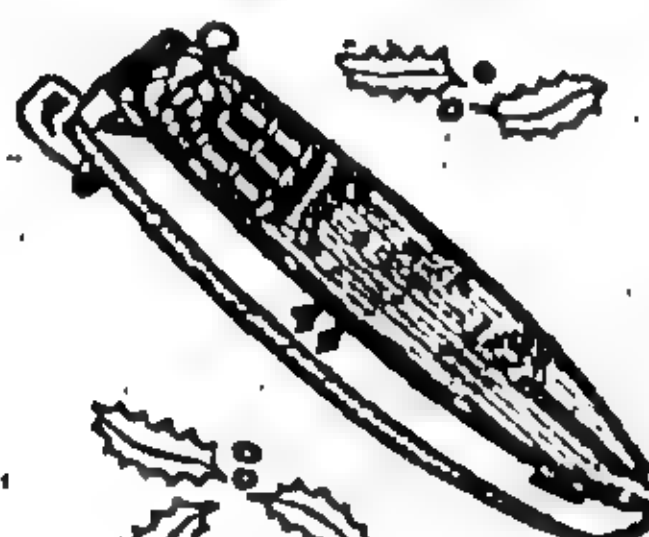
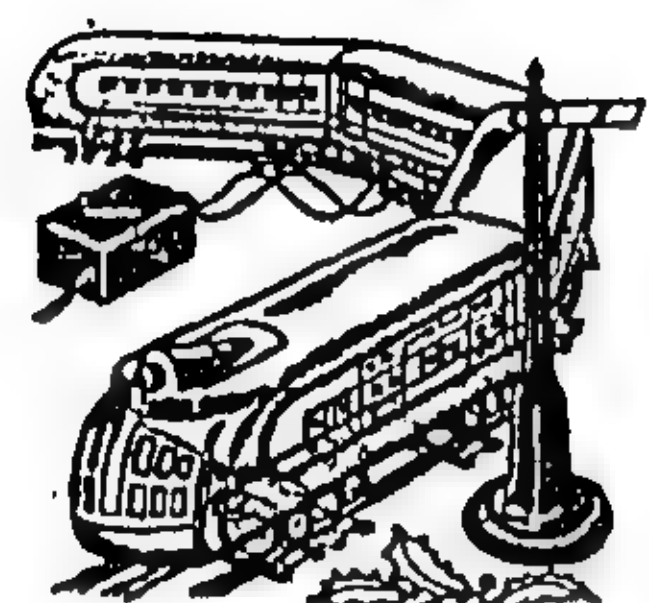
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Among the stolen jewellery was an £8,000 pearl necklace.

The Princess of Nepal was in the house at the time the upper rooms were being ransacked.

An officer of the Nepalese Legation stated: "Apparently only the bedrooms were touched. We have notified the C.I.D."

Prince Bishnu is a son of the late Maharajah, who died in 1929, and a cousin of the Nepalese Minister in London.

COUNT RESENTS WEDDING RUMOURS

New York, Dec. 20.

WHILE entertaining the beautiful Cuban girl, Miss Maria Rocafort, at a night club recently, Count Covadonga, the eldest son of King Alfonso, was asked if he intended to marry her.

The count's suit for the annulment of his present marriage is pending in the courts here.

Miss Rocafort is said to have remarked, "Why not tell them? They all know I am going to marry you as soon as you are free."

To-day Count Covadonga declared that Maria has been misquoted. "I think I have just as much right as any other man to go out with whom I please," he said.

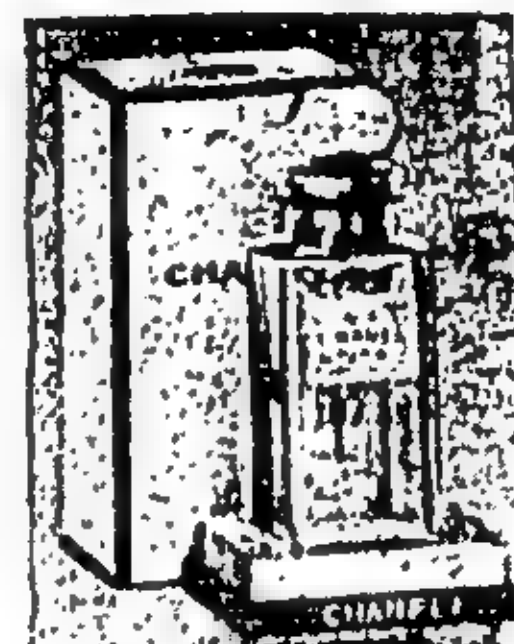
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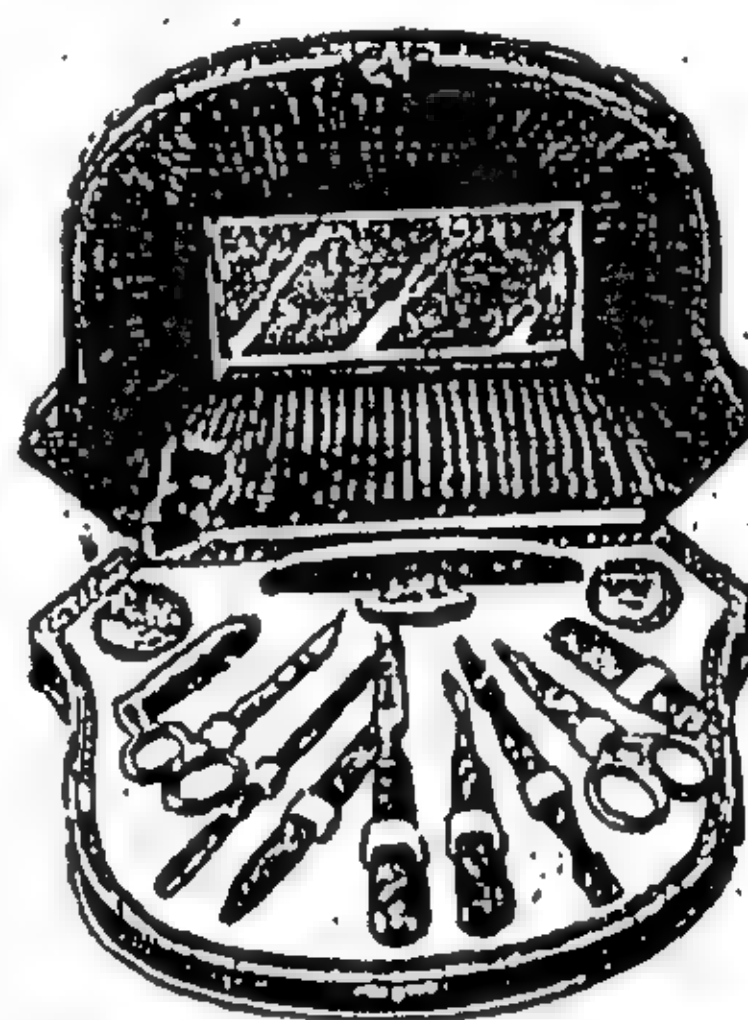
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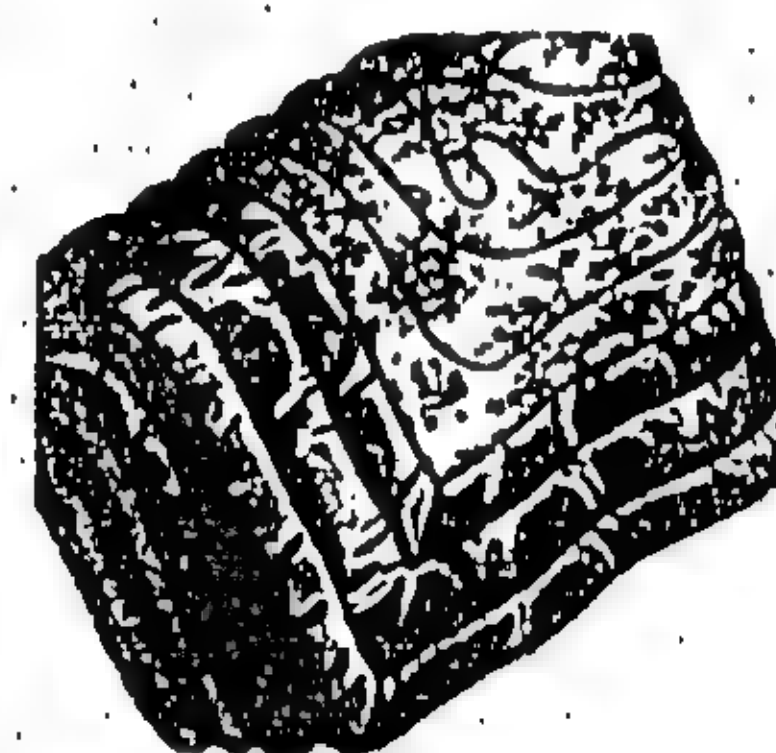
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DA SILVA—At her residence 23,
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Funeral will pass the monument
to-day at 5.15 p.m. (Manila
papers please copy).

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1936.

AN EXAMPLE TO HONGKONG

It is given to relatively few individuals to amass large fortunes and to foster still to make wise use of their accumulated wealth. Lord Nuffield, the British motor magnate, comes within both these categories. He has already made huge benefactions to education and medical research, and has now followed up these gifts with a sum of two million sterling for the benefit of those who are suffering dire hardships in the depressed areas. In making this gift, Lord Nuffield realises that there is a limit to what the Government can do at this juncture, when there are so many pressing calls on the public purse. The contribution which he has so generously made does high credit to his humanitarian instincts. The thought suggests itself that here is an example which could be more widely followed by men of wealth—even here in Hongkong. Much has been heard latterly of the terrible plight of the children of poverty-stricken parents in this Colony, whose needs are only partially met by charitable organisations. In the absence of any large-scale Government social service, the problem remains largely in the hands of these bodies. It is to be conceded that if a year's contributions paid into all the Colony's charitable societies were totalled up, the sum would be startlingly large, but it remains a fact, as was stressed by a speaker at the recent meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children, that the money comes from a relatively circumscribed section of the community, the same names constantly recurring in published lists. A further point to be emphasised is that the donors are not, for the most part, those blessed with abundant wealth, although there are some outstanding examples to the contrary. If we take the normal contributions to these various societies, it will be found that whilst they aggregate a big sum in the course of the year, they suffice only for purely ameliorative work, leaving the core of a big social problem largely untouched. Major treatment of the evil is impossible from this source. The Government, as we all know, cannot at present allocate big sums for this work, and, as H.E. the Governor indicated a few days ago, there is little prospect that it will be able eventually to



Giving the Game Away

YESTERDAY we played charades, and trying against time to stuff a bolster underneath my waistcoat it struck me as odd that I should feel so satisfied with myself for gratuitously increasing my girth.

Odd, because in the cold, clear light of my bathroom I watch a similar, though more gradual, process with alarm. Odd, because I really did feel an important part of the universe as I barged my way among littering children with my hands spread comfortably above an artificial paunch.

Nor was this just some eccentricity of my own, for I noticed an aunt who had hitched a chenille curtain to her shoulders and knotted a doornail into a turban round her head was suffering from a similar onset of self-importance.

"Quite honestly," I said, when she solicited my admiration, "quite honestly, no, you don't look remotely like a sultan. You look more or less like anyone else who cared to parade in one of my curtains."

"But there's something," she said. "You must admit there's an air, a sort of distinction about it, because, at any rate, I feel exactly like a sultan." And it was true. If she didn't look like a sultan, she looked as though she felt like one.

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AFTERWARDS, when we had duly appeared in daydreams with household objects as the only aids, I woman to emulate Greta Garbo, helped a nephew to detach himself from his beard, and this struck me again how odd this business was.

For 364 days of the year we grovel obediently to an iron set of laws which govern how we shall dress; Britons, lulled by an assertion that they never guile to beauty, and accept it will be slaves, more abjectly than foreigners; men, priding themselves on their manhood, on a hopelessly distorted belly? more supinely than women. And we have to remember that on day No. 365, for no apparent reason, the laws are suspended, and we parade in those bearded, fattened, villainous, heroic, shapes that our imaginations at various times paint us.

You may, of course, object that the explanation is too subtle, that if in dressing up we were merely putting our private ambitions into practice we should all be clamouring to play the part of the king of the sultan, and there would be no candidates for the role of villain.

One has also to admit that the characters in charades are nearly all grotesque. Far from beautifying themselves they seem to go out of their way to make their faces as ugly and distorted as possible. The Kaiser, Bill moustache, the hunched back, the pillow under the waistcoat—these are the most typical charade properties.

But it would be difficult, of course, to depict one's self in the splendour of one's rosiest objects as the only aids. For a woman to emulate Greta Garbo, helped a nephew to detach himself from his beard, and this struck me again how odd this business was.

When we examine the circles reproduced in this article and believe that the smaller of the two in the centre is larger than its counterparts to left and right, we are suffering from an optical delusion.

But to call the delusion merely optical is perhaps an understatement. The inner circle borrows an effect of size from the really larger circle surrounding it, and it is hard to dissociate them without a conscious effort.

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IN the same way, when we wear a thick overcoat or a heavy suit of tweeds we feel a more significant part of the universe than we do in a bathing dress on the beach. The thick material seems in some strange way to become a part of ourselves. We feel that it is really us, and that in putting it on we ourselves have grown.

Thus, as I stalked proudly round the room with my artificial stomach in front of me, it seemed, I think, as though it was genuinely me, as though I was spiritually and physically entitled to call myself the mayor of a prosperous town. Perhaps to other people I looked as ridiculous as my aunt, but in the depths of our own private hearts we were both convinced that we had grown in power and glory.

And those other people around us: my nephew with his beard, his cousin with the black moustache and hunched back, were they also playing out their private fantasies? The charade, it occurred to me, might be depicting something nearer life than the word of so many syllables, which the audience had already guessed.

GIVE ME THE PRODIGAL SON!

And Make Him A Scot

By SIR MICHAEL BRUCE

A BLACK-haired girl whose muslin dress hung against her limbs walked past our table, threw us a coquettish eye and moved on. I could even see the play of her muscles as she walked.

"Come on out of this!" said MacIntosh violently. "Let's get some unscented air into our lungs. Why not join me and go to Forteleza, where a British engineer is building a dam beneath the tributaries of the Rio San Francisco?"

The Scot was a prodigal son from somewhere north of Edinburgh, and a very stout fellow at that. I have met miners in Jo'burg, "also" ran in Mayfair, and a few others. But when you are up against the stark realities of life, give me a Scot. They are the very stuff of which prodigal sons are made, though they do manage to accumulate a fair amount of money. We were sitting outside a cafe in Rio, that paradise and cesspool of South America, and save for the drink MacIntosh had ordered we had not so between us. If you have made the trip from Rio to Pernambuco and Curitiba you will know all about it. If you have not, don't! At Pernambuco a man was carried up

tackle the problem without imposing further taxation for the purpose. There could thus be no more appropriate moment than the present for some of the really wealthy men of the Colony to come forward and supplement what is already being done by making it possible to provide institutions for those who so badly need them. What Lord Nuffield has done at Home, given the will, be accomplished here on a scale relative to the needs of the poor of this Colony. Is it too much to hope that the example may be followed?

from the stockhold, dead as a rat, with his arm swinging beside the stretcher like a pendulum. He had drunk cold water after his stretch in the stockhold, and dropped like a poleaxed heifer.

Through the filthy stretch of water 30 miles from the coast we came to Forteleza, a hotbed of engineers interested only in the £33,000,000 works going forward inland.

Money-Makers

Here were scores of prodigals, hard-working fellows, harder-sweating and all intent on making fortunes. In a Forteleza cafe we saw the last of those seductive dancing girls, and the piles of pawns off bright blue plates. From Forteleza the road came on sheerest savagery. Grotesque rocks rising above the plain, marshy pools backed by Canubaya palms and so to Olerom-bine. Scot and I were drinking hot beer when there was a shot.

"Come on, Bruce," he yelled. "You don't know these Cearnes. Get a move on."

I ran out and saw a little girl of six topple from behind her father's saddle. She twitched pitifully, sprawled in the dust, while the distracted man galloped hell for leather after a man who disappeared into the mist. A curl of smoke, a medley of shouts, a little girl whose hair was matted with blood. It was all part of a family feud amongst cattle-folk whose grandmothers were slaves, whose grandfathers were Portuguese and Guarany Indians, and who would steal the gold from the teeth of their dead mothers. A bad lot. Two days later, in the scrub we came on the corpse of that murderer of children.

His head was a purple pulp, and I, for one, was glad.

Here in the irrigation works MacIntosh and I got work, well paid, but arduous. Cotton was the great crop, and at the end of the street of miserable shacks negro women solicited the favours of the labourers. Twice in a week I was shot at, just because I had refused the "offer" of a native overseer who hoped to run in a lot of more women to please his men and make a pile.

The Padre's Power

"You Englishman!" he hissed, looking like a black snake. "You forget I am also policeman here! You watch out for you go quick—like that—zut!"

He snapped his fingers, just as his revolver snapped at me in the dusk three days later. Then he came for me with his knife, but my .45 bullet took him in the midriff first. He was no loss. MacIntosh laughed my fears away.

"Don't bother about scum-like that," he said. "His greatest enemy will kill him for his job and thank you for the chance!"

Then it was I met one of the most amusing persons in the whole of Brazil. A priest of 89 living in a strange walled city and ruling the wildest band of cut-throats you could imagine with a hand of iron. Yet that frail, white-haired man always wore the kindest of smiles. He radiated good humour, while half-castes, head-hunters, cannibals, and heaven knows what of riff-raff fawned upon him and regarded his slightest wish as law. One or two were white men, real prodigals turned natives, who would never return to Britain. Yet for the most they were good lads, handy with knife or revolver, and always ready to back a countryman.

It was to the Padre Cleoro I went when we were really up against labour troubles engineered by local half-castes. Another priest was the

real cause of the trouble, for he, too, hoped to make a good thing out of women imported for the labourers' benefit, and turned particularly nasty when MacIntosh told him there was "nothing doing."

"You want to break the strike?" asked Padre Cleoro, snapping his knuckles and grinning like a school-boy. "Ah! That is easy. How many men do you want. A hundred—a thousand—what you will!"

We fixed with him for 2,000 men at a flat wage rate, and within two days they marched down to our location, singing and shouting. You should have seen the local priest's face! He shook his fist under my nose.

Toiling in Heat of

100 Degrees

"Curse English!" he bawled. "You use murderers and cut-throats, eh? We will show them!"

He was just like the villain out of a third-rate melodrama, and when I gripped him savagely by the shoulder he went as white as a sheet and slunk off to plot with his fellows. His plot to hold up British labour had fallen very flat indeed, and after that he found a distinct lessening of his following and his authority.

Yet MacIntosh and the other prodigals cared for none of these things. So long as we made good progress. In spite of the heat work was the only thing that counted—hour after hour of it without cessation. Five or six English, Welsh, or Scots. They strove manfully, sweat-strained by day and dead-beat by night. When people in London talk of prodigals I am often tempted to ask them whether they have ever done ten hours toil for as many shillings in a temperature of 100 degrees!

Armchair critics always did "get my goat!" They talked loosely of the effectiveness of modern youth, but themselves, know nothing of racked muscles and aching stomachs. They cast the stone of scorn at the prodigal son, but I would rather have one such beside me in a tight corner than ten thousand critics.

HE BARKED—AND SO SAVED HIS LIFE

Seventy Prisoners of War Meet Again in London

Seventy men sat down to dinner in a West End hotel one night this month and talked of when they went without bite or sup for days on end.

They are members of the Officers' Prisoners of War Club. Only those men are eligible for membership who were captured by the Germans between 1914 and 1918. Specially favoured are those who escaped—or attempted to escape.

The nucleus of the club was formed by the men who were gassed at Holzminden. A group of them spent ten months tunnelling under the walls. The tunnel was 50 yards long. It could admit only one man at a time, lying prone—and even then the "ceiling" pressed on his back.

The tunnel was driven with just two tools—a trowel and a cold chisel. The earth was stored in odd corners in the camp—in the rafters, behind match boarding partitions between beams and eaves.

DISCUIT-TIN BELLIES

The air where the work was carried on was so foul that a candle would not remain alight. Bellows were improvised out of a biscuit-tin and a flying-jacket to feed the flame with oxygen.

Bored on which the diggers or their friends slept were sacrificed to shore up the crumbling walls. Straw mattresses were filled with the last loads of earth.

Twenty-nine men passed through the tunnel—and ten of them got away. They travelled the 15 miles to the Dutch frontier, and were shipped back to Britain.

The other 19 were brought before a German court martial on a charge of conspiracy and sentenced to six months in a fortress. The sentence was never carried out—the Armistice intervened.

The epic escape of Holzminden involved fantastic adventures. The officers digging the tunnel had to dress up as orderlies because the orderly quarters were nearer the walls than any other building. Although every prisoner knew the plan not one gave the game away.

BARKED LIKE DOG

The diggers—only one man could work at a time—had to piece concrete as well as earth. The orderlies kept watch and had to drown the noise the hammering and digging made.

In the chair at the dinner on Friday will be Air-Commodore Rathbone, commander of Holzminden Camp, who escaped through the tunnel.

Another member of the club is a man who escaped and swam in darkness across the River Ems—wide, swift-flowing, icy, closely guarded. While he was swimming a sentinel on the bank challenged him and leveled his rifle. The swimmer barked like a dog through his chattering teeth—and the sentinel marched on.

Chinese Bandits Perturb The Vatican

Vatican City, Dec. 15.

Persistent reports of plundering and sacking of Catholic missionary stations by Chinese communists in Western China are causing grave concern in the Vatican.

A detailed account of recent sacking and killing of innocent inhabitants has been received by the Holy Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith from the Apostolic Vicariate of Lanchow, in charge of missionary fathers of the Divine Word.

According to this report the Vicariate of Lanchow in the Kansu province has suffered grave material damage owing to the sudden advance of Communist hordes.

The Reds have occupied the greater part of the vicariate including the capital Tsinchow. Almost all the missionary stations have been sacked and burned and the work of the German chaplains is at a complete standstill.

The members of these missions have succeeded in reaching safety in the two principal stations of Tien-shui and Tsinghui. Four fathers and two sisters however have been forced to seek refuge in the neighbouring apostolic vicariate of Hanchunfu in the province of Szechuan.

Direct quotations from the Lanchow report state:

"The Reds are rapidly advancing in bands of thousands. The roads over which they pass are marked by hundreds of corpses of innocent inhabitants whom they have mercilessly massacred."

"Arriving in villages they summon the richest people and threatening to brand them with red hot irons compel them to hand over all their money and then slaughter them savagely."

"The women and children of the red bandits are enrolled in special regiments. Each red division has a special detachment of Amazons. They are not formed however for fighting purposes, but for amusement."

THE KING'S CORONATION GOLDEN SPURS Claims to Carry Them Proved EVIDENCE FROM 1066 TO 1936

By A Special Representative

A lawyer in black gown and full-bottomed wig handed a large sheet of paper to seven men seated at a table in the Council Chamber of the Privy Council in London recently. It was a "pedigree" containing about three hundred names, and had an irregular line in red ink to trace a family tree from 1066 back to the time of the Norman Conquest. And it was submitted as conclusive evidence that the present Lord Hastings was entitled to be included among those from whom the King may choose the bearers of the Golden Spurs at his Coronation.

The men who listened intently to the lawyer's prolonged and involved arguments, or studied documents in Norman, French, and records in medieval English, were the members of the Court of Claims, appointed by the King to consider the petitions of those who, by virtue of office, hereditary right, or tenure of land, have the privilege of performing some personal service to the King during his Coronation.

The Court has assembled before the crowning of every King of England during the last 800 years, and there were numerous claims on this occasion.

The Commissioners formed a half-circle, with the President, Lord Hewart, Lord Chief Justice of England, in the centre. On his right were Lord Thackeray, a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, the Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, wearing a scarlet uniform; and the Earl of Cromer, Lord Chamberlain. On the left were Lord Wright, Master of the Rolls, the Earl of Onslow, and Lord Normand, Lord President of the Court of Session, all in Court dress, with swords and medals.

"SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED" Facing each other before the semi-circular table were King's Council and their juniors, fully robed, and in the centre, facing the President, was a rostrum, from which the claims were to be made. The remainder of the large, book-lined room was crowded with members of the public.

Sir Claud Schuster, Clerk of the Crown, leaning over the President's shoulder, defined the duties of the Commissioners.

"To hear and determine claims of services to be performed at the ensuing Coronation and of fees to be received for the same."

Sir Claud himself read the first claim, that of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster to instruct the King in the rites and ceremonies and to assist the Archbishop of Canterbury and to retain the robes and ornaments of the Coronation.

"The order will be the same as on the former occasion," pronounced the President.

Other claims were heard and orders "as on the former occasion" were made, although when Mr. Frank S. Dymoke petitioned to bear the Standard of England as King's Champion by virtue of the tenure of the Manor of Serfisbury, Lord Hewart said it was not a matter for that Court.

GENEALOGICAL PROBLEM So far, the Court's business had been more or less formal and straightforward, but Lord Hastings' petition soon occupied them with an abstruse problem of genealogy and the rival claims of two noble families to carry the Golden Spurs at the Coronation which had existed for 600 years.

There were three separate claims for the honour—that of Lord Hastings; another by Lord Churston; and a third claim by the Countess of Loudoun, Viscountess St. Davids, Lady Flora Anne Rawdon-Hastings, Mr. J. L. W. Butler-Bowden, and Hon. Dame Leigarde Harry Florence Bellingham.

Mr. Gavin Simmonds, K.C., who appeared for Lord Hastings, said he would seek to prove that his lordship was one of those upon whom devolved the dignity, service or office of carrying the Golden Spurs by Marshal family.

"The facts I am able to put before you for the first time," he added, "really illustrate what is now a truism, that we in the Twentieth Century probably know very much

Cameramen Pick Them As Best Bets for Stardom



A new jury of feminine beauty, the Hollywood Press Photographers, picked these screen youngsters as having the best chances for screen stardom. They are, from left, upper: Cecilia Parker, Helen Burgess, Janice Jarrett, Kay Hughes, Joan Perry. Lower: Mary Francis Gifford, Rosina Lawrence, Barbara Pepper, Helen Wood, June Travis.

Disney's New Film

MR. WALT DISNEY, creator of Mickey Mouse and the Silly Symphonies, is half-way through his first full-length feature film, which will run for 75 to 90 minutes.

The film, which is called "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," will take another year to finish; about 200,000 drawings will be needed; the cost of production is estimated at \$200,000, about £1 a drawing.

Music has been composed for the film, and a new camera has been built which is capable of producing effects in the way of lighting that have never before been possible.

A Woman Yawns For 80 Hours

New York, Dec. 20. AGNES KAPP, aged 27, of Rochester, New York, yawned continuously for 80 hours.

Then her doctor gave her a sleeping draught, which sent her into a deep sleep. When she awoke the yawning had stopped.

Odd Australian Town Has No Laws, No Taxes

Sydney, Dec. 15. The town of Collarenebri, 455 miles from here, claims more of the comforts of home and fewer of the municipal discomforts than any other town in the world.

As for the lack of municipal discomforts, it has no mayor, no aldermen, no property rates, no fire department, no brick buildings, no unemployment, no crime and no golf. As to the real municipal comforts of home, the population prides itself on its modern hospital equipment including X-rays, its river water pumping station and its electric light and power plants without the necessity of any local body to control these things. The population plays tennis instead of golf.

The town operates under the control of the state works department which makes unnecessary any council, city ordinances or levies to worry about.—United Press.

more about the Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries than did the intervening centuries, because we have been able, by the survey of the records which have been preserved and are now collected, to establish beyond doubt what was the title of the John de Hastings, through whom we all claim."

Mr. Simmonds handed copies of the "pedigree" to the Commissioners and traced the ancestry of the claimant back to John Marshal, who carried the Spurs at the Coronation of Edward I, and showed that the privilege was granted to the heirs of another line of the same family at the Coronation of King George V, because they were able to establish their right to it.

HENRY IV'S CORONATION He then related how Reginald Grey Lord de Hastings and Ruthyn claimed to carry the Spurs at the Coronation of Henry IV, and suggested, "without any offence," that through the centuries the Grey de Ruthyns usurped the title of the Barony of Hastings.

Right away down to the reign of Queen Victoria, the Ruthyn family were calling themselves Lord de Hastings," he added.

The Court retired to consider the matter, and on returning, announced that each of the claimants had established a claim.

Other claims decided by the Court were: The executors of the late Duke of Newcastle-under-Lyme: To perform by deputy (the Earl of Lincoln), the services of providing a glove for the King's right hand, and supporting His Majesty's right arm while he is holding his Sceptre.

The Earl of Shrewsbury: To carry a white wand as a symbol of his office of Lord High Steward of Ireland, if invited by His Majesty to be present in that capacity.

The Lord Mayor of London: To attend the King at the Coronation and bear the crystal mace.

This 600-year old Court, with its unique procedure, and fascinating reminders of the past, was then declared closed.

"Adopted Son Of President Roosevelt"

CHINESE CLAIM IN POLICE COURT

A Chinese who was arrested at the Hotel Cecil yesterday under the name of Louis Roosevelt, for possession of arms, was brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning, on a charge of possession of two bayonets and a loaded revolver, when it was stated that accused claimed to be the adopted son of President Roosevelt.

Chief Detective Inspector J. Murphy stated that the police were satisfied that defendant was not a criminal. He therefore asked for defendant to be remanded to the gaol hospital for examination, as the man appeared to be suffering from illusions. The man's real name was Lai Wah, and in a statement to the police he stated that he was the adopted son of President Roosevelt. He also said that he was a Major General in the American Army.

Mr. Keen remanded defendant to the gaol hospital for a week.

Hearing this, defendant stuttered in English: "Have you consulted the American Consul?"

Mr. Murphy remarked that there was nothing known of the man at the consulate.

LOCAL NURSING SUCCESSES

RESULTS OF RECENT EXAMINATION

Below is a list of the successful candidates who sat for the examination held by the Nurses Board this month:

PRELIMINARY

Honours Government Hospitals.—Miss Annie Wah Lee.

Allied Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals.—Misses Chan Shuk-hang, Yeung Tsai-ngan and Chong Wah-chiu.

Government Hospitals.—Misses Marlam Soon, Lucy Wong, Lena Cheung, Lucy Tang, Nora Chiu (credit in anatomy and physiology) and Ellie Chan.

Kwong Wah Hospital.—Misses Lee Fung-ying, Cheung Yuk-yin, Lam Suk-huan, Tang Yuen-fong, Ip Kam-sing and Chan Yin-ping.

Tung Wah Eastern Hospital.—Miss Li Shuk-kuen.

FINAL

Passed

Allied Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals.—Misses Hau Wing-fong, Cheung Poo-lan and Chan Tsui-kwan (credit in general nursing). Hongkong Sanatorium and Hospital.—Misses Chan Wai-man, Tai Mei-chun and Constance Wong.

Government Hospitals.—Mr. Wong Ju-wing, Miss Doris Layne, Mr. Yau Lin-sing, Mr. Li Chuen-chi, Mr. Kwok Yuk-wing, Miss Elsie Li (credit in medicine and surgery). Miss Edna Mae Wong and Miss Agnes Chan.

Kwong Wah Hospital.—Misses Kwong May-ling, Ng So-fong and Wong Jick-kum.

Tung Wah Hospital.—Misses Wong Teck-see, Ngo Chung-ye, Seto Pik (credit in medicine).

RADIO BROADCAST

A Talk on "London At Christmas Time" CELLO RECITAL

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Solus d'Amour (Elgar); I kiss your lips (Rudolph); "L. Belle Helene" Selection (Offenbach).

7.13 p.m. From the Studio. A Programme of Compositions by Harold Scott, Played by the Composer. Four New Inclusions. Performed for the First Time. 1. (a) "Pastorale" in A flat; (b) "Pastorale" in G minor (Quasi Religioso); (c) "Pastorale" Keltic; (d) "Pastorale" in G sharp minor; 2. "The Tinkling Sheep Bells"; "Sea Lulling"; "Song of the Sussex Road." 7.30 p.m. Stock Quotations.

7.35 p.m. Variety. Vocal—Gipsy Show of 1936. Ralph Reader and Chorus. Instrumental—Chicken Reel; If you were the only girl in the world; Piano Duet—Transatlantic Rhythm. Irving Caesar and Ray Henderson; Orchestra—A Gypsy Lament; Flor Gitana. 8 p.m. Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. The British Symphony Orchestra. Sylvia Ballet (Debussy). A thousand and one nights—Waltz (Johann Strauss).

8.30 p.m.—From the Studio. A Violinello Recital by Susan Jones, A.R.C.M.

1. Sonata in B flat major. Thoinas Arne; Poco Largo—Gavotta; 2. "Five Irish Folk Tunes"—The Green Bushes; Hush—bye.

Howard Ferguson; 3. "Lambert's Clavichord"—De la Mare's Bavane; Sir Hugh's Galliard. Herbert Howells.

8.45 p.m. "London at Christmas Time," a talk by S. R. Littlewood.

9 p.m. News and Announcements. 9.20 p.m. A Christmas Uverture (Coleridge-Taylor), played by the Symphony Orchestra.

Hymns—"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"; "Christians, awake"; "The Radio Choir." 9.30 p.m. From the Studio—The Fourth of a series of talks on "The Early Days of Cricket," by R. Abbot.

9.45 p.m. Organ Music. Morning Song (Bainton); La Nuit (Elert); Harry Goss-Custard; Melody in F (Rubinstein); Berceuse de Jocelyn (Godard); Edward O'Herry; Medley of Old Time Songs (Part 1 English, Part 2 Scottish).—Sydney Gustard.

10 p.m. Big Ben. 10.10 p.m. Descriptive—Studio Scene (A bit of Opera). (Careless Rapture)...by Ivor Novello, Dorothy Dickson and Olive Gilbert; Song—Why is there ever good-bye ("Careless Rapture").

10.18 p.m. Dance Music. 11 p.m. Close Down.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

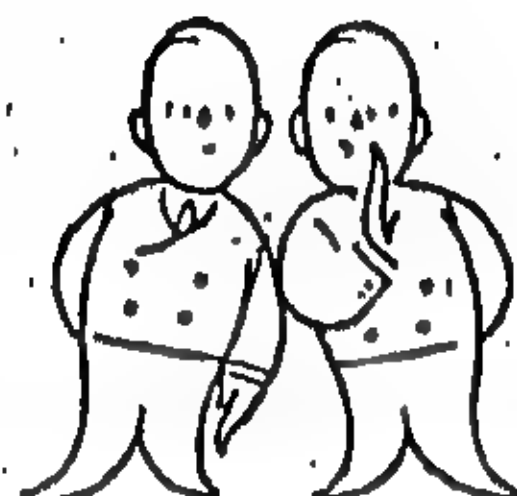
4 p.m. Big Ben. Empire Magazine. 4.45 p.m. "Imperial Affairs." 5.45 p.m. The D.H.C. Empire Orchestra. 6.45 p.m. The News and Announcements. 7 p.m. Big Ben. "Imperial Affairs." 7.15 p.m. The D.H.C. Welsh Orchestra. 8.15 p.m. Christmas Variety. 8.45 p.m. "London at Christmas Time." 9 p.m. News and Announcements. 9.20 p.m. The Birmingham Hippodrome Orchestra.

10 p.m. Big Ben. "Street Show." 10.30 p.m. "Horse Hand Carriage." 11.30 p.m. "The Policeman's Lot." 11.45 p.m. "Empire Magazine, No. 11." 12.30 a.m. The News and Announcements. 12.50 a.m. The John MacArthur Quintet. 1.15 a.m. The D.H.C. Empire Orchestra. 1.37 a.m. The D.H.C. Dance Orchestra. 2 a.m. The News and Announcements. 2.15 a.m. Each, Scots, and Irish Folk songs. 2.40 a.m. The D.H.C. Military Band. 3.15 a.m. Soft Lights and Sweet Music. 3.30 a.m. "London at Christmas Time." 3.45 a.m. Jay Wilbur and his Band. 4 a.m. The D.H.C. Orchestra (Sullivan D.). 5 a.m. Interval. 5.15 a.m. The News and Announcements. 5.35 a.m. Soft Lights and Sweet Music. 6 a.m. Talk: "Rationalism at Work." 6.20 a.m. Dance Music.

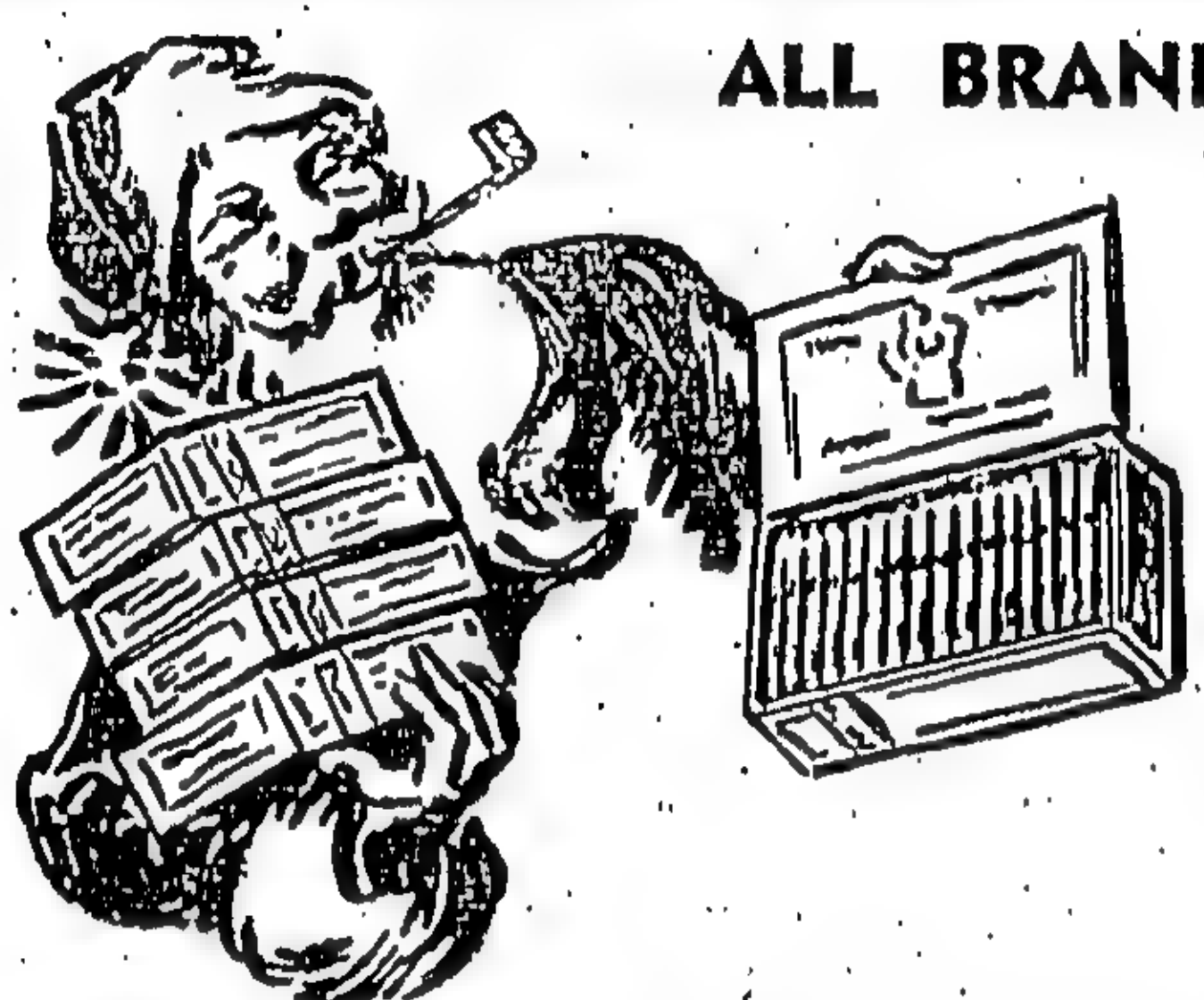
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To the list of important forthcoming sales already announced must be added that of the dispersal of the third portion of M. Emile Brouwer's collection of autograph letters and documents relating to Napoleon and his times. This will take place at Messrs. Sotheby's this month.

The sale is particularly interesting as the first two sections of this collection were sold in Paris in 1931 and 1935. M. Brouwer's reason for transferring this portion to Sotheby's because he now realises, like so many other Continental collectors, that London is the best centre in the world for the disposal of art and literary treasures.

The main interest in the present catalogue, which is printed entirely in French, lies in the extensive series of letters and documents dealing with the campaign in Egypt. It opens with the preparations for departure in April, 1798 and ends with the surrender of the army remnant of the expedition to the English troops under Hutchinson in June, 1801.

CARE FOR HIS MEN

Most fascinating are the letters of the Emperor himself, showing many different phases of his versatile genius. We see him as the great military commander, ruthless in upholding discipline, but careful also to maintain the spirit of his troops, providing drums and trumpets for them on their marches and a theatre for them while in barracks at Cairo. He appears also as the colonial administrator, signing documents drawn up in Arabic; and again in what is for him the very rare part of a friend, writing from Cairo to Desaix to give him the remarkable medical advice to wear a flannel waistcoat as a protection against eye disease.

Of particular interest to English students are the documents relating to Malta, to naval warfare, and the Battle of the Nile, and to the unsuccessful siege of Acre. It is amusing to find Napoleon characterising Sydney Smith as "un jeune ambitieux qui veut faire sa fortune et cherche à se mettre souvent en évidence," unconscious of the fact that the words might be applied to himself.

There are the letters and diary of Hoche, the long series on the campaigns in Spain and Russia and those dealing with Waterloo and the Hundred Days. There are 265 letters

HE WAITED 21 YEARS FOR A DIVORCE

Judge Critic of Law Says:
"I Am Sorry for This Man"

Swansea, Dec. 18.

"I AM sorry for this man, who has had to wait 21 years for a divorce to which he was entitled, in my opinion, nearly 21 years ago."

Mr. Justice Swift made this comment at Glamorgan Assizes here to-day in a critical review of the present divorce laws.

Albert Ernest Phillpott, of Albany Road, Cardiff, was granted a decree nisi against his wife, Emma Jane, on the grounds of her misconduct with a man named Reader at Cardiff.

It was stated that Phillpott and his wife had not lived together for 21 years.

They were married at Cardiff in 1900 and the wife left her husband in 1915 and went to India.

In granting the decree Mr. Justice Swift said: "Can you justify the present state of our law which allows people to be tied together when every spiritual and every physical relationship has been destroyed for 21 years?"

LEFT A NOTE

"Ought it not to have been enough for him, the husband, to have gone to somebody, to me if you like, and say, 'My wife has left me. She went out of the house, left a note behind saying she was never coming back and she has never been back. She has gone and I do not know where she has gone and she has been gone for 12 months.'"

"Ought I not then to say, 'You may have your divorce?'"

Rome Wireless for Rexists

BELGIAN LEADER'S
CLAIM

Brussels, Dec. 18.

At a political meeting at Mons the leader of the Rex Party, M. Leon Degrelle, announced that very shortly the voice of Rex will be heard on the wireless.

He said that once a week the Rome wireless station will put their microphone at the disposal of the Rexists.

This is likely to bring a diplomatic action from the Belgian Government, as it is almost certain that the Rome station will be used by the Rexists mainly for attacking the Belgian Government.

The Rexist Party of M. Degrelle is semi-Fascist. It has been accused of connection with Germany following M. Degrelle's visit to Berlin last month. It is alleged that M. Degrelle promised to restore Eupen and Malmédy to Germany if his party came to power.

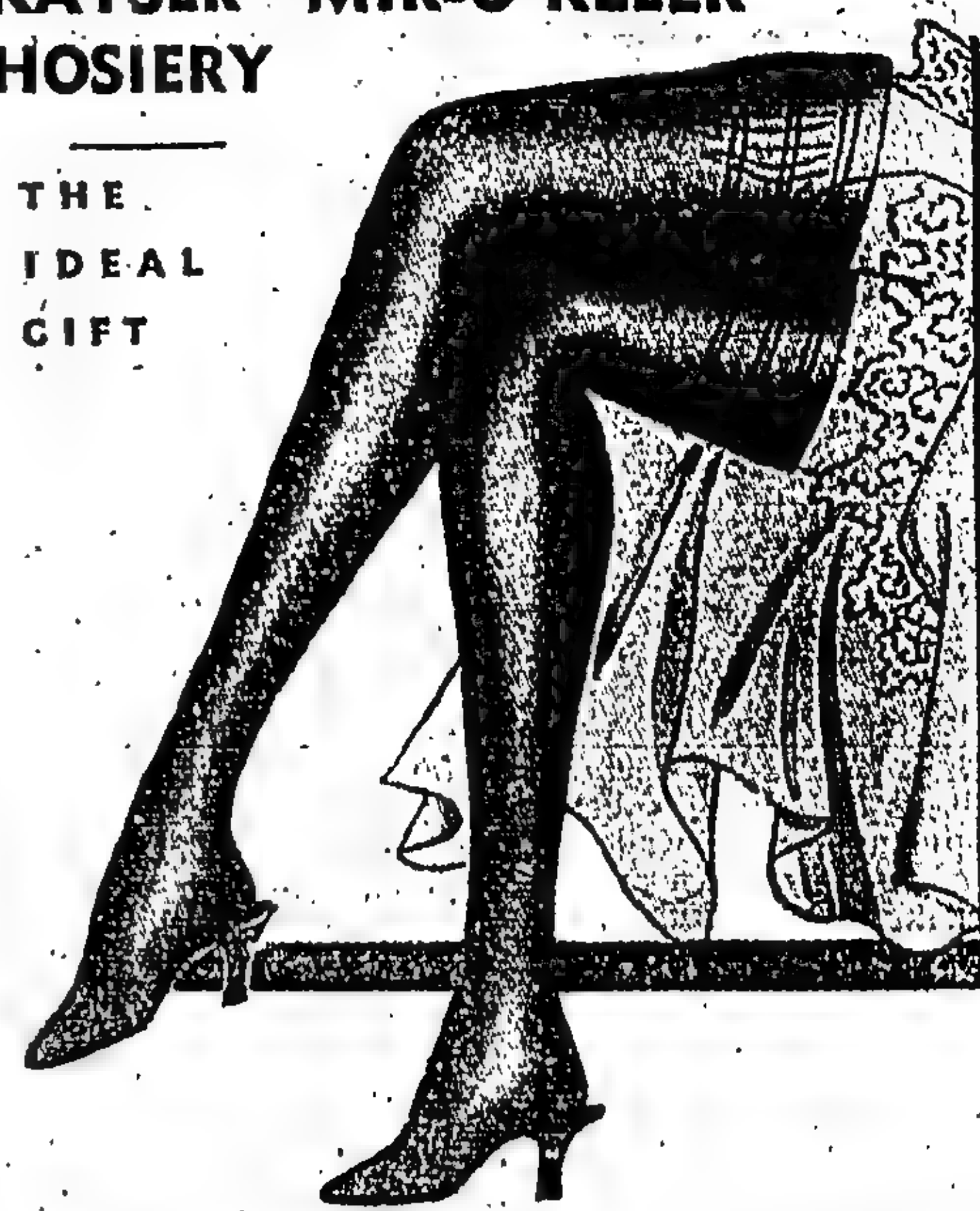
The recent threat of M. Degrelle to march on Brussels with 250,000 of his followers resulted in a fiasco, the meeting being banned and M. Degrelle being arrested and kept in detention.

of Marie Louise, including 180 to her life-long friend Victoire Du Poulet, extending from 1799 to 1840.

Finally note must be made of the four Sevres plates from the service known as "Des Quartiers Generaux" used by Napoleon at St. Helena.

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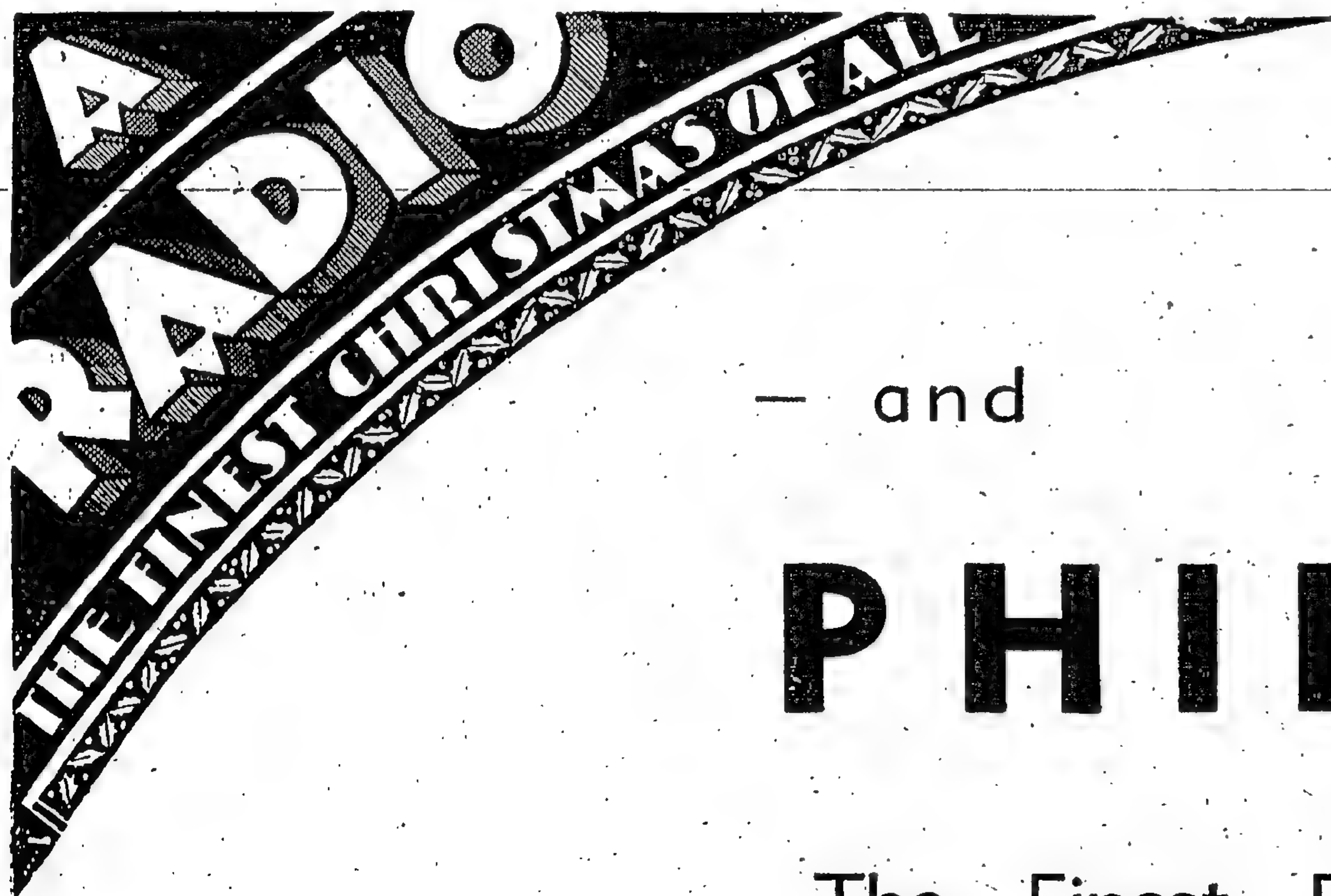
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Poison Suicide Of Peer's Sister

THE funeral of the Hon. Mrs. Daisy Carleton Bunbury, 63-year-old sister of Lord Dorchester, at Nately Scures, near Basingstoke, Hants, has brought to light these two facts:—

1. That she was found dead in bed at her home, the Red House, Hook, on a recent Sunday.

2. That an inquest was held recently, the coroner recording a verdict that she committed suicide by taking cyanide of potassium while of unsound mind.

The coroner, Major H. M. Foster, stated that the inquest was "not secret in any way."

Mrs. Bunbury was the widow of Brig.-General Vesey Thomas Bunbury. She had recently worried over and vigorously opposed the enclosing of part of Hook Common as a playing field.

Red Sea Crossing Was "No Miracle"

Former Sinai Governor's
Weather Theory

Major C. S. Jarvis, Governor of Sinai for 14 years and known to every Arab in the Middle East as Jarvis Bey, recently explained his theory of the Bible story of the flight of the Israelites from Egypt. He was addressing the Ethnic Study Group in London.

The way in which the "sea" was dry when the Israelites crossed and flooded when the Egyptians attempted the crossing was no miracle, he declared.

"The pillar of fire described in Exodus would probably be caused by one of the squalls which still occur in Sinai and cause a column of cloud from which lightning flashes at night. A narrow strip of sand separates the Mediterranean from Lake Pariaul, a vast lagoon, and my theory is that the Israelites marched along this strip.

"A squall and rain followed and, as still happens to-day, the sea broke over the sand into the lagoon. I have seen it happen in 12 hours. The whole army of Egyptians was caught.

"I have arrived at my theory by studying the two books of the Bible, Exodus and Numbers, and from investigations during the time I was in Sinai. There is no record in Egyptian history of the flight, so one may believe it was not such an epoch-making event as the Israelites would like us to believe."

OIL FIND REPORTED IN KENYA

Nairobi, Dec. 15.
A GREAT oilfield, described as comparable with that of Iran, is reported to have been discovered in Kenya by a French engineer, M. J. Dejean, who has been prospecting in the colony for two years.

M. Dejean is keeping secret the area where he claims to have made his discovery while his application for an exclusive licence is being considered by the local government and Secretary of State.

He states, however, that negotiations are proceeding for the formation of a prospecting company to carry out a complete survey before the main exploitation company is floated.

PRIORITY IN CLAIMS
It is learnt that other groups interested in oil have also applied for concessions in various parts of the Colony, and the question of priority as well as public policy is believed to be exercising the Colonial Office.

M. Dejean is confident that his field will be rich enough to supply the needs of all Africa.



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COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS NEXT YEAR

THREE EVENTS TO BE ORGANISED

MEN'S SINGLES MIXED DOUBLES, MEN'S DOUBLES

CHINESE "Y" PROMOTED TO "A" DIVISION

(By "Veritas")

To organise Colony championships in the New Year; to refrain from conducting a ladies' doubles league because of the lack of entries, and to accept Chinese Y.M.C.A.'s application for transference from the "B" Division of the League to the "A" Division, were the important decisions made at last evening's meeting of the Hongkong Badminton Association.

The Executive Committee met in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post Building, the meeting being presided over by Mr. E. de Sousa. Others present were: Messrs. Roland Koh (St. John's), Henry Kew (St. Andrew's), N. A. E. Mackay (Kowloon Tong), W. Sprague (S. and S. Home), H. A. Alves (Recreo), S. W. Liang (C.R.C.), P. H. Wong (Chinese Y.M.C.A.), John Pau (King's College), D. Montalto (V.R.C.) and S. A. Gray (Hon. Secretary).

It was intimated that although Chinese Recreation Club had expressed a desire to place a ladies' team in the league, the number of participants still fell short of the minimum laid down at the beginning of the season. It was therefore decided not to conduct a ladies' doubles league for the current season.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

The question of conducting Colony championships occupied the close attention of the meeting for some considerable time. After full discussion it was agreed to organise championships to consist of men's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles, which would start on January 26. Entries will close on January 16, and entrance fees will be \$3 per player for the men's singles

and \$5 per pair for each of the two doubles events.

In the rounds up to the quarter-finals and subsequent rounds, the first-named player in each bracket will have the right of selecting the court on which to play the match, but for the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals, neutral courts would be arranged by the committee.

One make of shuttlecock determined by the committee will be used throughout the tournaments, and competitors will be provided with three shuttlecocks for each match. Matches will be the best of three games, each of 15 aces up.

The first round ties must be completed on or before Tuesday, February 16, the second round by March 2, the third round by March 9.

It was decided to make the championships open to the Colony. Members of affiliated clubs will automatically become eligible to compete, but for individual residents of the Colony who are not members of affiliated clubs, an additional fee of \$2 will be payable, this ensuring their membership of the Badminton Association.

A small sub-committee to deal with the details connected with the championships was appointed, the following being elected: Messrs. S. A. Gray, John Pau, H. Kew and P. H. Wong.

CHINESE "Y" GO UP

It was brought to the notice of the meeting that through the local Press suggestions had been made that one or two teams now playing in the "B" Division of the league were strong enough for the senior division.

Mr. Patrick H. Wong, on behalf of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., who have won their three "B" Division games without the loss of a set, applied to the meeting for permission to transfer from the "B" Division to the "A" Division.

This gesture was warmly welcomed and permission for such a transference was unanimously given. Chinese Y.M.C.A. will start their new set of fixtures in the New Year, while their record in the "B" Division will be expunged.

CALIFORNIA SWEEP THE BOARD

IN WINNING TENNIS TITLES A REMARKABLE RECORD

Los Angeles, Dec. 15. A handful of California youngsters, who rose from the same courts which produced the Bundys and Doegs, is within one title of a "grand slam" of the American tennis championships offered during 1936.

The young contenders, all of them under 25, swept fourteen of fifteen national crowns, and blanketed aspirants from 47 states. The only title missed was the grass courts men's singles championship, which went to Fred Perry of England, with a Californian as runner-up.

The victory march opened with the National at Forest Hills where Alice Marble, Gene Mako, Donald Budge, Marjorie Gladman Van Ryn and Carolin Babcock snuffed all opposition but Perry to carry the women's singles, and men's, women's and mixed doubles.

In the same tournament Jack Kramer, Nolan McQuown, Julius Heldman, Joe Hunt, Margaret Osborne and Eleanor Dawson completed the near monopoly by winning the boys', girls' and junior boys' singles and doubles.

Perry eked out the lone outside victory when he beat Budge after the red-haired Oakland player was within two points of the title. In addition, the two surprise upsets were scored by Henry Culley, of Santa Barbara, and Dorothy Bundy, daughter of former women's champion, Mae Sutton Bundy, of Santa Monica.

Bobby Riggs, sleek-haired high-school senior, ignored the open disapproval of the Southern California Tennis association when he travelled east for clay court competition. But when he came home he brought along the singles and doubles trophies—the latter won with Wayne Sabin, of Los Angeles.

Lewis Wetherell, of Santa Ana, carried the domination into public parks ranks by capturing the men's singles in the division. Elizabeth Dicke, of Pasadena, won the women's singles crown.

FOREIGN INVASION

In their only actual foreign invasion, Californians won four of five championships. Jack Tidball, former intercollegiate champion from University of California at Los Angeles, won the Canadian men's singles and teamed with Charles Church, of Beverly Hills, to take the Canadian men's doubles. The veteran Esther Barish aided the youngsters by contributing a victory in the Canadian women's singles and teamed with Verne Hughes, Long Beach, to capture the Canadian mixed doubles.

The list of national championships won by Californians were:

Clay court—Singles: Robert Riggs, Los Angeles; Doubles: Riggs and Wayne Sabin, Los Angeles.

Public parks—Men's singles: Lewis Wetherell, Santa Ana; Women's singles: Elizabeth Dicke, Pasadena.

Grass court—Men's doubles: Gene Mako, Los Angeles, and Donald Budge, Oakland.

Grass court—Women's singles: Alice Marble, San Francisco; Doubles: Carolin Babcock, Los Angeles, and Marjorie Gladman Van Ryn, Santa Monica.

Grass court—Mixed doubles: Alice Marble, Mako.

Grass court—Boys' singles: Jack Kramer, Montebello; Doubles: Kramer and Nolan McQuown, Los Angeles.

Grass court—Junior boys' singles: Julius Heldman, Santa Monica; Doubles: Heldman and Joe Hunt, Los Angeles.

Grass court—Girls' singles: Margaret Osborne, San Francisco; Doubles: Margaret Osborne and Eleanor Dawson, San Francisco.

Canadian national championships—Men's singles: Jack Tidball, Los Angeles; Doubles: Tidball and Charles Church, Beverly Hills.

Women's singles: Esther Barish, Los Angeles; Mixed doubles: Esther Barish, Verne Hughes, Long Beach.

BOXING CONTESTS ARRANGED



YOUNG AROMIN



BOB QUINLAN

Clubhouse Chatter

By "Veritas"

New Milestone In Hongkong Badminton

ALL CAN PLAY IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A NOTHER page in the history

of Hongkong badminton is to be written in the New Year when the first Colony championships will be conducted under the aegis of the Badminton Association. This brings to a consummation the original plans of those who sponsored organised badminton in Hongkong some three years ago, although it by no means concludes the activities and aims of the Association. If anything the holding of these championships will further emphasise the one great need in Hongkong of a building adequate to stage such events as these. The one drawback connected with the championships is that matches in the earlier rounds will have to be played on different club courts instead of a centralised venue. This immediately raises the question of "luck in the draw," as, under the Association's conditions, players who figure first in the brackets have the choice of courts. This is unfortunate, but it is encouraging to note that the Association has refused to permit such a contingency to obstruct a very popular desire for championships.

Concessions

THE Executive Committee's deliberations yesterday led them to agree to the staging of three championship events—men's singles, men's doubles, and mixed doubles. It is an ambitious programme inasmuch as that the events will be run simultaneously and are scheduled to be completed within six weeks. One interesting feature is that the Association will apply Rule 3 (c) which permits residents of the Colony, who are not members of affiliated clubs, to participate in the championships on payment of a stated fee, which must be paid in addition to the entrance fees. This, of course, acts as a membership fee to the Association in the same way that clubs pay an annual affiliation fee. It is known that quite a number of players in the Colony who are not members of affiliated clubs are anxious to participate in the championships, and in applying this particular rule, the Association makes it possible for the events to be really open championships. Another sensible concession is that partners in the various doubles events need not of necessity be members of the same club. The only condition they must fulfil is to be members either of an affiliated club, or become individual members of the Badminton Association.

Support Necessary

THE Badminton Association has good reason to be congratulated upon its enterprise in endeavouring to stimulate the game in the Colony by organising these championships, but in the final analysis, the success of the venture will depend on the measure of support accorded it by players. Unless I have completely misread the enthusiasm which appears to exist for the game here, I feel fairly confident the response will be right up to expectations. But this must not be assumed too confidently. Reactions to ventures of this sort are very often unexpected, although I shall be surprised if the entries fall short of anticipations. There are several reasons why players should welcome the championships. For one thing they provide a new form of competition—a distinct and direct change from that of the league; secondly they will allow players to find new partners if they so desire; thirdly they will stimulate the singles game of badminton which has been almost completely ignored in the Colony to date; fourthly they offer new honours to be won. There are but a few reasons why the championships should prove popular and should be thoroughly well supported.

Curtain Falls On The Second Test

THERE is not a great deal more to be written about the Second Test which ended yesterday in such a smashing victory for England. Even the result was hardly a surprise, for it was palpably clear that once Australia had been dismissed so cheaply in the first innings, she was forced to lose by such a wide margin. But there was a time yesterday when everything pointed to the Aussies forcing England to bat again. The score board read at tea time 300 for 6; only 37 behind with five wickets to go. Then happened one of those amazing things which somehow or other seem to be part and parcel of these Test matches. Australia lost her last four wickets for an additional six runs. It occurred with dramatic suddenness and one can well imagine the bewilderment of the 20,000 spectators around the ground. The "procession" started when McCabe, who looked good for a century—in fact a double century if there was anybody to stick with him—"appeared to over-balance," and as a result put his pad in the way of a straight one from Vose. That was the signal for Australia to go to pieces. Hammond and Vose came right into their own while the Aussies folded up their tents, etc., etc. Once again Vose figured among the honours. Four for ten in the first innings and three for 66 in the second is sufficient testimony to his excellent bowling. As has already been noted, the luck which attends these lengthy matches was again

EXCELLENT PROGRAMME PROMISED

Some Good Talent

An exhibition of boxing which promises to provide the public with an exceptionally good entertainment, has been arranged to take place at the Po Hing Theatre, Kowloon, on Sunday at 9 p.m.

The main event will be a ten round contest between "Young" Aromin (117 lbs), leading contender for the bantamweight championship of Hongkong, and "Speed" Salazar (123 lbs), known as the Filipino whirlwind, who hails from Cebu, Philippine Islands.

They are three-minute rounds and there will be no draw decision. Should the boxers be on level points at the end of the scheduled ten rounds, extra rounds will be fought until a winner is announced. The odds are two to one in favour of the "Whirlwind," but both boxers are confident of winning before the end of the fixed ten rounds.

The next best event on the evening's card is ten rounds of two-minute stanzas between "Battling" Rio, who recently impressed when he knocked out "Sky" Lee at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., and R. Quinlan (137 lbs) of the Royal Ulster Rifles, former middleweight champion of the Army in Hongkong.

Quinlan, though having the advantage of weight, reach and experience, will find Rio a pretty tough nut to crack.

These two main bouts are supported by six other events, in which some fine boxing is anticipated.

Mr. B. Field will act as referee, with Messrs. W. C. K. Mackie and C. F. Jenner as judges.

THE PROGRAMME

The complete programme follows. Flyweight:—Dennis Maunders (England) 100 lbs. v. Kid Rivas (Mexico) 106 lbs. Maxie Garcia (Mexico) 110 lbs. v. Young Jezabo



"SPEED" SALAZAR

(Mexico) 110 lbs. Bantamweight:—Bud Golden (120 lbs) v. Wild Benny (120 lbs). Special flyweight bout:—Iron Bux, Jr. 115 lbs. v. Little Berlie of Manila (115 lbs). Featherweight:—J. S. A. Curraem (131 lbs) of Hongkong v. Seaman Burke of England. Middleweight:—McBeattie (150 lbs) of Scotland v. Antonio Martinez (150 lbs) of Mexico. Special catchweight bout:—Bob Quinlan (137 lbs) v. "Battling" Rio

Our Daily Golf Hint

No good can be got by forcing the game, and unless one feels fit and has a keen interest in the match, it is better not to play.

—W. Park.

(147 lbs) of Portugal. Catchweight:—"Speed" Salazar (139 lbs) of Manila; "Young" Aromin (117 lbs) of Hongkong.

with England, but after making allowances for it, one must still acknowledge the greatness of England's victory. The position for the Old Country at the moment is, in golfing parlance, two up and three to go—an eminently satisfactory state of affairs for the visiting cricketers, made all the sweeter because of its unexpectedness. But Australia is not yet beaten, and until that third match is "in the bag," England will have to give 100 per cent account of herself in the matches to come.



BATTILING RIO

MAMAK HOCKEY MATCH

BERWICK DEFEAT SUBMARINES

A fast but somewhat rugged hockey match was played yesterday afternoon in the Mamak League Tournament, when H.M.S. Berwick beat the Submarines (Oils and Oils) by four goals to one on the Navy ground at King's Park.

Berwick led two-nil at the interval, both goals being scored by Lieut. Cook, but Submarines made a partial recovery in the second half and after pressure, Thornycroft reduced the arrears.

However from that point onward, Berwick dominated the game, and further goals were scored by Johnson and Cook.

The Berwick attack was much too fast for the Submarines' defence, while the losers were not particularly well served up forward, Lieut. Wright being the only dangerous attacker.

WASEDA HOCKEY TEAM

Lengthy Fixture List For Forthcoming Visit

The Waseda University hockey team, which is paying a visit to the Colony from January 3 to 14, will have a busy time. At a meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Hockey Association at St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday evening, the following programme was arranged for them:

Sunday, January 4, the Argonauts.
January 5, the Army.
January 6, the University.
January 7, the Navy.
January 8, the Combined Civil-ians.
January 10, the Colony.
January 11, the Combined Services.
January 13, Macao.

TEAMS FOR TO DAY

The following will represent the Army in the Triangular Tournament match against the Navy at 4 p.m. to-day on the Marine ground.—Spr. Howlett, Kishan Singh, Bidsa, Cox Sr., Brown, Capt. Stapleton, Tara Singh, Lt. Robinson, Kuddar Bux, Narain Singh, Palaub, Spr. Corner.

SALE OF PONIES

Pontiac Bay And Ribble

Many attended the sale of race ponies held yesterday afternoon at the Hongkong Jockey Club paddock, Happy Valley. Among the ponies disposed of were several well-known ones such as Pontiac Bay, which went for the high price of \$970. Mr. C. M. S. Alves, of Hughes and Hough, Ltd., was the auctioneer. The full list of ponies sold, their prices and names of purchasers, follows:

Double Chance, \$310. Capt. G. Jones; a China pony, \$80. Mr. Peter Sin; Delightful Chance, \$100. Mr. G. Baker; Pontiac Bay, \$970. Mr. Kwok Kwok-wai; Ribble, \$840. Mr. Kwok Hin-wang; Gold Eagle, \$100. Capt. H. Whithead; Zodiac, \$200. Mr. Vilas Chaitanda; Wind A Chance, \$200. Capt. J. J. Palmer; Great Hall, \$200. Mr. Morgan; a China pony, \$100. Mr. Vilas Chaitanda; Rugby Star, \$100. Lt. N. W. Metcalfe; Shamrock, \$170. Capt. H. Whithead; The Cook, \$90. Mr. Peter Sin; Blue Ribbon, \$70. Dr. R. A. Baster.

The following ponies were withdrawn from sale: Eastlight and Racing Heart.

Secret Of Bradman's Quickness Revealed

By A Doctor

(By William Pollock)

Daily Express Cricket Reporter with the M.C.C. team.

Adelaide. **AUSTRALIA is Bradman mad.** You hear his name all day long in the mouths of men, women and children. Everything he says or does—or is supposed to say or do—is seized upon.

"Bradman is news," an editor said to me. "If he cut himself shaving it would be a front-page story." There are rather fewer people in the whole of Australia than there are in London, and most of them idolise their little champion of cricket. And, extraordinary to say, the Don copes with it splendidly. He might easily be an insufferable sort of young man with a big head, but actually he isn't.

I have met him and I have talked with several hard-headed men who know him well and there is precious little said about him. He is friendly, he smiles quickly, he is generous about other people, he has an alert, level-headed mind.

Don is a go-getter in business as in cricket. He is with Harry Hodgson, of the Board of Cricket Control, in stock-broking in Adelaide. He works hard and is well off.

When I said to him after lunch, "Are you coming along to the ground now to have a net?" he said, "I can't—got to work."

He is fond of music and can play the piano. He is a good dancer. He reads a good deal, particularly on all sorts of subjects. He is practically a non-drinker and a non-smoker, is inclined to be obstinate in his opinions—yet he is a man's man.

BOTTLE HIM UP

Bradman or Hammond? It looks as if that is going to be the big question in the Tests. I believe the Australians plan to see if they can bottle up Hammond—cramp his style—by bowling on his leg stump. Wally is not so good with his on-side play as he is on the off-side. What on earth sort of plan we can try against Brad-

man I don't know.

I have been talking to a learned doctor about his batting. "What makes him so quick with his bat?" I asked.

Said the learned doctor: "Affluent and efficient nerves. They are the nerves which control our body actions. The affluent nerve telegraphs from eye to brain, the efficient nerve from brain to limbs."

"In my opinion, Don Bradman's affluent and efficient work quicker than most people's." So now Gubby Allen, Bill Voce, and the rest of our poor bowlers know. All I hope is that which ever English felder may get a catch from Don has his affluent and efficient in good working order.

Every one is saying that Bill O'Reilly is in better form than ever. His length was so sure in the recent Australia v The Rest match that he had a silly mid-off and a silly mid-on to Bradman. Help!

Eyston's Secret Car For World Record Bid

Captain George Eyston, racing motorist, is working with mechanics in a back street in Tottenham, London, building a "hush-hush" car with which he hopes to attack the world land speed record of 300 m.p.h. set up by Sir Malcolm Campbell.

The construction of the car is being kept a close secret and the work is carried on under a veil of mystery.

"I am hoping," said Captain Eyston, "to build a car faster than anything I have yet produced, and after experiments next year I anticipate that it will prove itself worthy for an attack on the record soon after."



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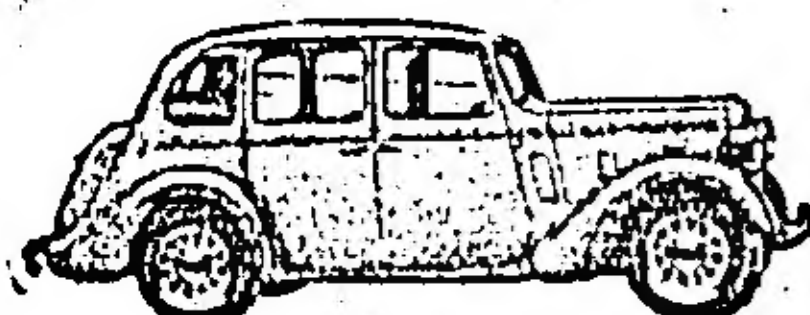
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M. Avenol, the Secretary General
of the League of Nations, recently
received honorary degrees at Ox-
ford University. The picture shows
him (right) with Mr. Robert Blum-
ham (left), the American Am-
bassador, to London, who also re-
ceived this distinction.

Duels Ruin A Beauty's Nerves

HER HUSBAND SENT
NINE CHALLENGES

Budapest, Dec. 20.
Dr. Franz Sargis, who took up
the sword in defence of his wife's
honour, will only have to fight three
or four duels, not nine.

He settled the other disputes to-day
by amicable means.

Excitement and the strain of
waiting have caused Mrs. Sargis
to have a nervous breakdown.
She is a beautiful Budapest woman,
formerly Fraulein Magda Marko,
granddaughter of the General Direc-
tor of the Hungarian National Bank.

Dr. and Mrs. Sargis eloped and were
married last January. He was ar-
rested for kidnapping, and he chal-
lenged men because of statements
they made about the affair.

FIRST AUTOMATIC PHONE

Invented by Exasperated
American Undertaker

Do you know how and when auto-
matic telephones were first invented?
The explanation was given by Mr.
S. Horrox, Superintendent, Edin-
burgh Central Telephone Exchange,
in a lecture to members of the Royal
Scottish Society of Arts, this month
in the Society's house at 10 Royal
Terrace, Edinburgh. Professor A. R.
Horne, president of the Society, oc-
cupied the chair.

Automatic telephones, said Mr.
Horrox, were invented in 1880 by
S. Rowger, an undertaker and tele-
phone subscriber in Kansas City, who
was driven to inspiration because of
his exasperating experiences in being
connected with wrong numbers under
the old manual system.

Rowger's invention had developed
into the accurate and speedy auto-
matic systems employed to-day, and
his principles formed the basis of the
present standard system used by the
British Post Office.

Already more than 40 per cent. of
British telephone subscribers were
on the automatic system, and dis-
placement of old manual exchanges by
automatic ones was proceeding rapidly.

Similar strides had been made in
the method of distributing telephone
lines, and overhead systems were
gradually being replaced almost en-
tirely by underground cables.

FIRST SWITCHBOARD
Mr. Horrox said that Alexander
Graham Bell's experiment into the
possibility of speech over electrically
charged wires gave successful results
on June 2, 1876, and within 24 hours
the first electrical speaking telephone
had been constructed. Naturally,
much remained to be done before the
instrument was suitable for practical
use, and a patent was not registered
until February 1876.

The first telephone switchboard in
the world was opened for eight sub-
scribers at New Haven, Connecticut,
U.S.A., in January 1878, the first in
Britain being opened in August 1879.

From the elementary single wire
circuits arose the magneto system,
whereby subscribers called the ex-
change by turning the handle of a
small generator.

Switching systems were generally
improved, and a great advance was
made with the introduction of the
central battery system, whereby the
subscriber automatically called the
exchange by lifting the receiver.

The first exchange of this type was
introduced at Bristol in 1900.

BRITISH FINANCES

London, Dec. 22.
Exchequer returns show that total
ordinary revenue amounts to £422,
993,532, compared with £423,075,470
at the corresponding date last year.
The increase in British imports this
year is reflected in a Customs yield
of £53,146,000, against £145,185,000
for the same period of last year.
Total ordinary expenditure is £422,
082,522, compared with £436,653,700
at the corresponding date of 1935—
British Wireless.

INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP

CHINA FOOTBALL XI CHOSEN

The following will represent China
against England in the Sunday
Herald International Charity Cup
competition next Saturday afternoon
on the Club ground commencing at
3.15 p.m.:

China:—Chin Hang (Eastern)
(Captain); Lee Tin-sang (S. China
"A") and Mink So (K. Chinese);
Leung Wing-chiu (S. China "A")
(Vice-Captain); Lam Tak-po (S.
China "B") and Lo Wal-kuen
(Athletic); Tang Kwong-sun (K.
Chinese); Lai Shiu-wing (S. China
"A"); Fung King-cheong (S. China
"A"); Chiu Yue-tin (Eastern) and
Cheong Moon-wing (Athletic).

Reserves:—Wong Wah-gay (S.
China "B"); Kwok Ping-chong (K.
Chinese) and Wong Shui-ping
(Athletic); Lai Kwok-chiu (K.
Chinese); Wong Mei-shun (S. China
"A"); Cheong Kwok-choi (Eastern);
Chan Ping-to (Eastern); Cheng Shui-
hong (Eastern); Soong Ling-sing
(Eastern); Chow Man-chi (K.
Chinese) and Lee Shek-yau (S.
China "B").

Notable absentees are Pau Ka-
ping, Tam Kong-puk, Ip Pak-wai, Tay
Quee-liang, Wong Mee-shun, Tso
Kwai-shing and Ho Kar-keung.

LADIES' SECOND HOCKEY TRIAL

TEAMS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The following are the teams for
the second Ladies' Interport hockey
trial, which will take place at 10.15
a.m. next Sunday morning on the
Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park:

Colours: Miss S. Best (C.B.A.);
Miss E. Gray (H.K.) and Miss A.
Fowler ("Y"); Mrs. Silva (Recrolo);
Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's) and
Miss K. Glover (H.K.); Miss O.
Dulziel ("Y"); Miss W. Marsh
(H.K.); Mrs. Donald (H.K.); Miss M.
Smith ("Y") and A. N. Other.

Whites: Mrs. Rose (St. Andrew's);
Miss J. Walker (C.B.A.) and Miss G.
White (St. Andrew's); Miss I. Wool-
ley (C.B.A.); Miss M. McCaw
(C.B.S. "A") and Mrs. Campbell
(Rifles' Ladies); Miss R. Blackmore
(C.B.A.); Miss P. Gittins (St. An-
drew's); Mrs. Burton (C.B.A.); Miss
C. Silva (Recrolo) and Miss E.
Hamon (Rifles' Ladies).

FRIENDLY FOOTBALL

Local Indians To Play Kumaon Rifles

An interesting football match will
take place on Christmas Day between
a team of Indians resident in the
Colony and the Kumaon Rifles at
Chatham Road, at 4 p.m.

The following have been chosen to
represent the Indians:—S. Bux (St.
Joseph's); A. J. Hussain (St.
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(St. Joseph's); A. Baker (St.
Joseph's); O. M. Omar (St. Joseph's)
and S. Hamad (Eastern F. C.); M. H.
Hassan (St. Joseph's); M. R. Abbas
(Indian R. C.); A. M. Omar (St.
Joseph's); R. M. Azim (Radio S. C.)
and A. A. Rumjahn (St. Joseph's).
Reserves: A. R. Razaek (St. Joseph's),
E. R. Marker (Radio S. C.), M. el
Arcuili (Indian R. C.), S. Yusuf
(Radio S. C.) and A. R. Marker
(St. Joseph's).

New 'Head' For Westminster Is First Layman

Mr. John Trull, Christie, head-
master of Repton School, has been
appointed headmaster of West-
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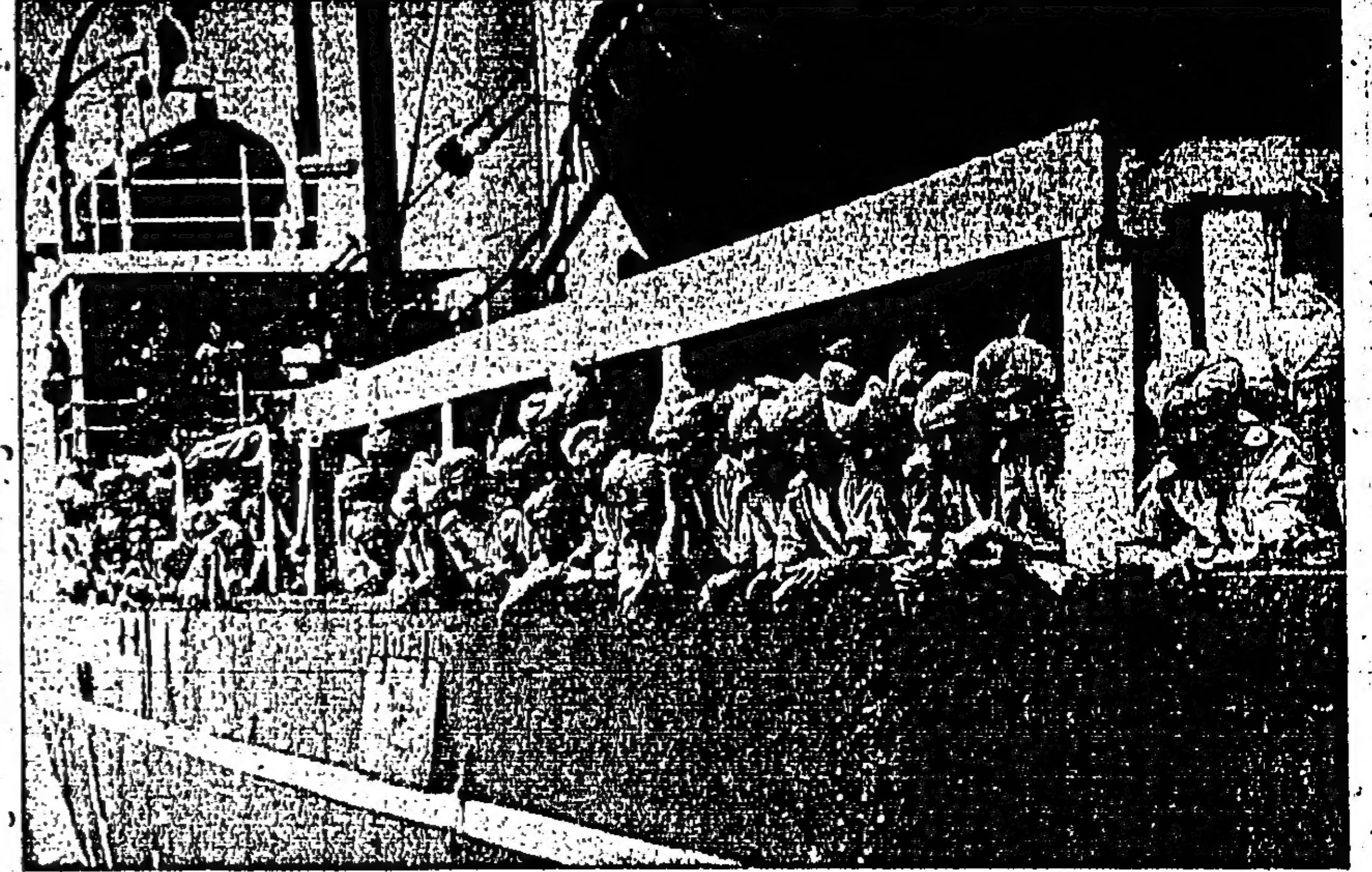
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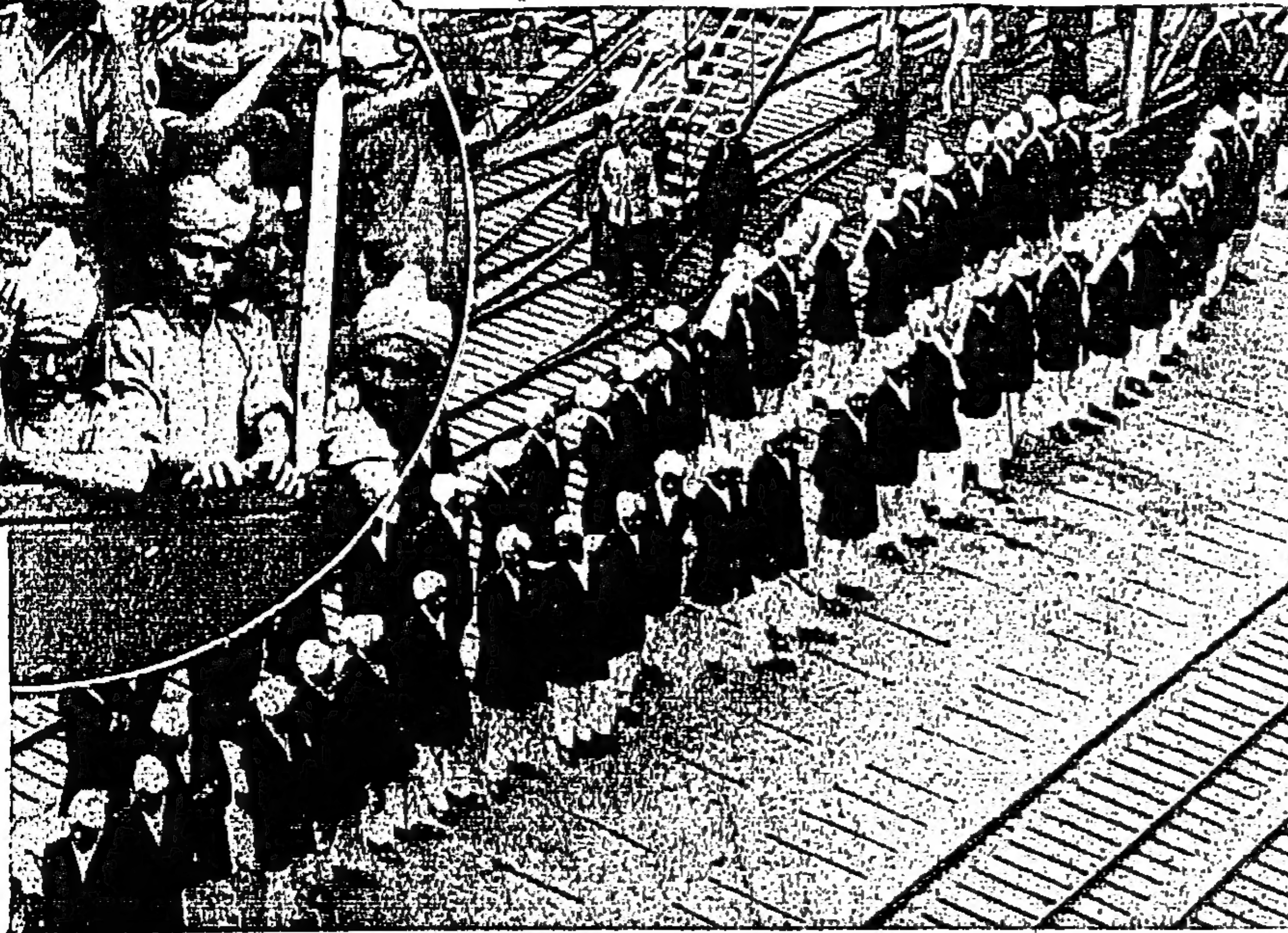
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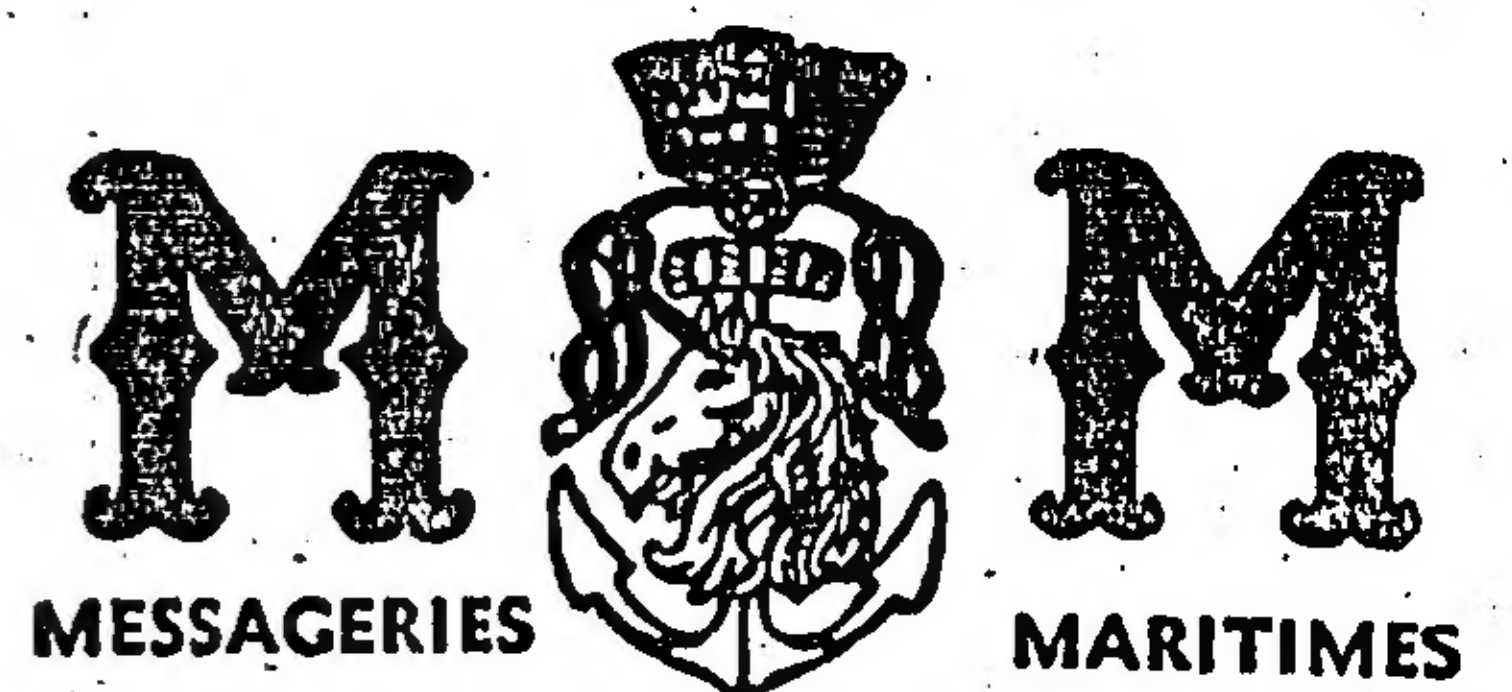
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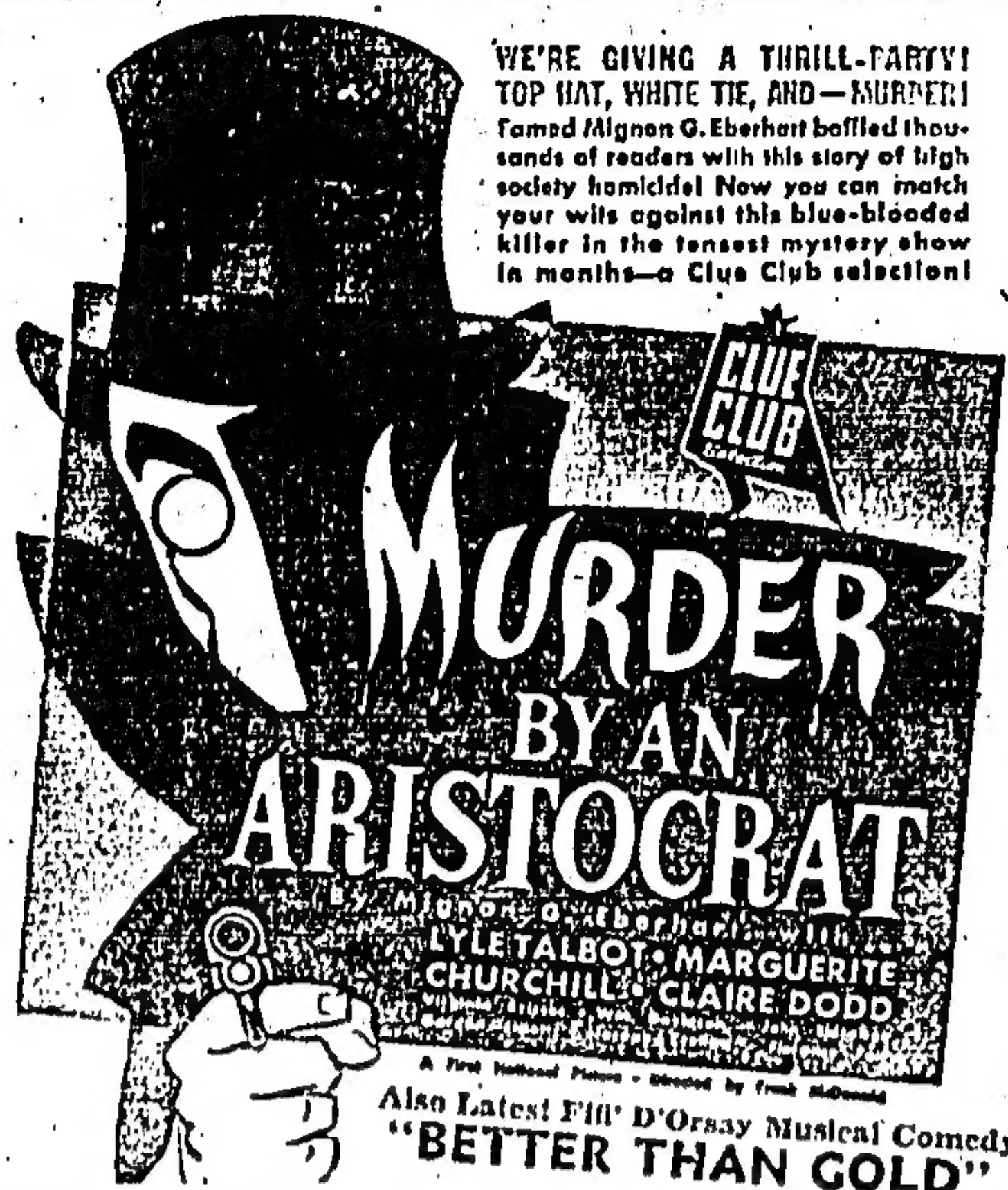
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FASCISM REARS UP IN CUBA

PRESIDENT BEING
FORCED OUT
OPPOSED TO
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(Special To "Telegraph")

Havana, Dec. 22.
Draft charges of an impeachment
against Don Miguel Gomez, President
of Cuba, have been approved by the
House of Representatives, voting 111
to 40.

The accusations are that he is
endangering the stability of the
nation, violating the constitution,
coercing the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives' next
move will be to appoint a committee
to sustain the charges against Gomez
before a Senate tribunal.
The Representatives' action brings
to a head the tension between the
President and Colonel Don Baptista,
chief of the General Staff, whom the
President suspects of Fascist tendencies.
Baptista was a sergeant of
infantry when, placing himself at the
head of a military coup d'etat, he won
the position of dictator overnight,
some years ago.

The President has just vetoed a bill
passed by both houses for a levy of
nine cents a ton on all Cuban pro-
duced sugar, the proceeds to be de-
voted to schools run jointly by the
civil and military authorities. Con-
sidering the measure undemocratic,
Don Miguel used his power of veto.
He said such a measure would likely
result in the children being educated
in a Fascist manner, and credited
Baptista with the desire to establish
3,000 such schools.—Reuter Special.

DEFENDING GOMEZ

Havana, Dec. 22.
A group of young attorneys, lead-
ing the bloc of 45 Representatives
which defended Don Miguel Gomez,
the President, against the Chamber's
impeachment proceedings, have an-
nounced the formation of "The
Constitutional Orthodox Committee"
and are pledged to resist the military
control of Cuba.—United Press.

No Objection To Retention Of Cruisers

REPLIES FROM U.S.
AND JAPAN

London, Dec. 22.
In accordance with an announce-
ment made in the House of Com-
mons last Thursday by the First
Lord of the Admiralty, formal
notification has now been conveyed
to the United States and Japanese
Embassies in London of the intention
of the United Kingdom Government,
in view of the existing international
situation and of the requirements of
national security, to have recourse
to Article XXI of the London Naval
Treaty in order to retain five cruisers
of sub-category B.

The cruisers to be retained are
the Cardiff, Ceres, Calcutta, Galapagos
and Caradoc. The total of excess
tonnage is 20,270.

It is understood His Majesty's
Government has undertaken the
vessels will be retained for a
maximum period of five years peace
service and will be used not as
cruisers but as anti-aircraft ships,
which will involve substitution of
lighter for existing armament of
six-inch guns.

When Sir Samuel Hoare made his
Commons announcement last week,
he informed the House that the
United States Government had al-
ready intimated it would raise no
objection to the course proposed.
He added that although no final
answer had yet been received from
Tokyo there was reason to believe
the Japanese Government also
would not object. The Japanese
reply, which has since been received,
was in the favourable terms anti-
cipated.—British Wireless.

KING AND QUEEN CHEERED

ON LEAVING FOR
SANDRINGHAM

London, Dec. 22.
Large crowds gathered at King's
Cross to-day and cheered the King
and Queen, who, accompanied by
their daughters, Princess Elizabeth
and Princess Margaret Rose, and by
Queen Mary, left in a Royal train en
route for Sandringham, where they
are spending the Christmas.

Earlier to-day, the Queen visited
Buckingham Palace for the first time
since King George's accession. She
drove to the Palace with the King
and remained there for about four
hours before returning to 145 Piccadilly.
—British Wireless.

CHIEF'S SONS EXECUTED

Rome, Dec. 22.
Ras Kassa's two sons, only sur-
viving members of the family of the
gallant Ethiopian chief, were cap-
tured by an Italian police column
and later executed in the public
square at Addis Ababa to-day.
—Reuter Bulletin Service.

HURRIES BACK TO CHINA



DR. WANG CHING-WEI

has been hastily summoned to Nan-
king from his European convalescent
tour in view of the crisis which has
followed the detention of Marshal
Chiang Kai-shek by rebels under
Chang Hsueh-liang.

TROTSKY FLEES TO MEXICO

NO SANCTUARY IN
NORWAY NOW

Oslo, Dec. 23.
M. Leon Trotsky, the Russian re-
volutionary leader, banished by the
faction at present in power, is already
on his way to Mexico.

He has boarded a steamer, whose
name is not disclosed, which sailed
Saturday.—Reuter.

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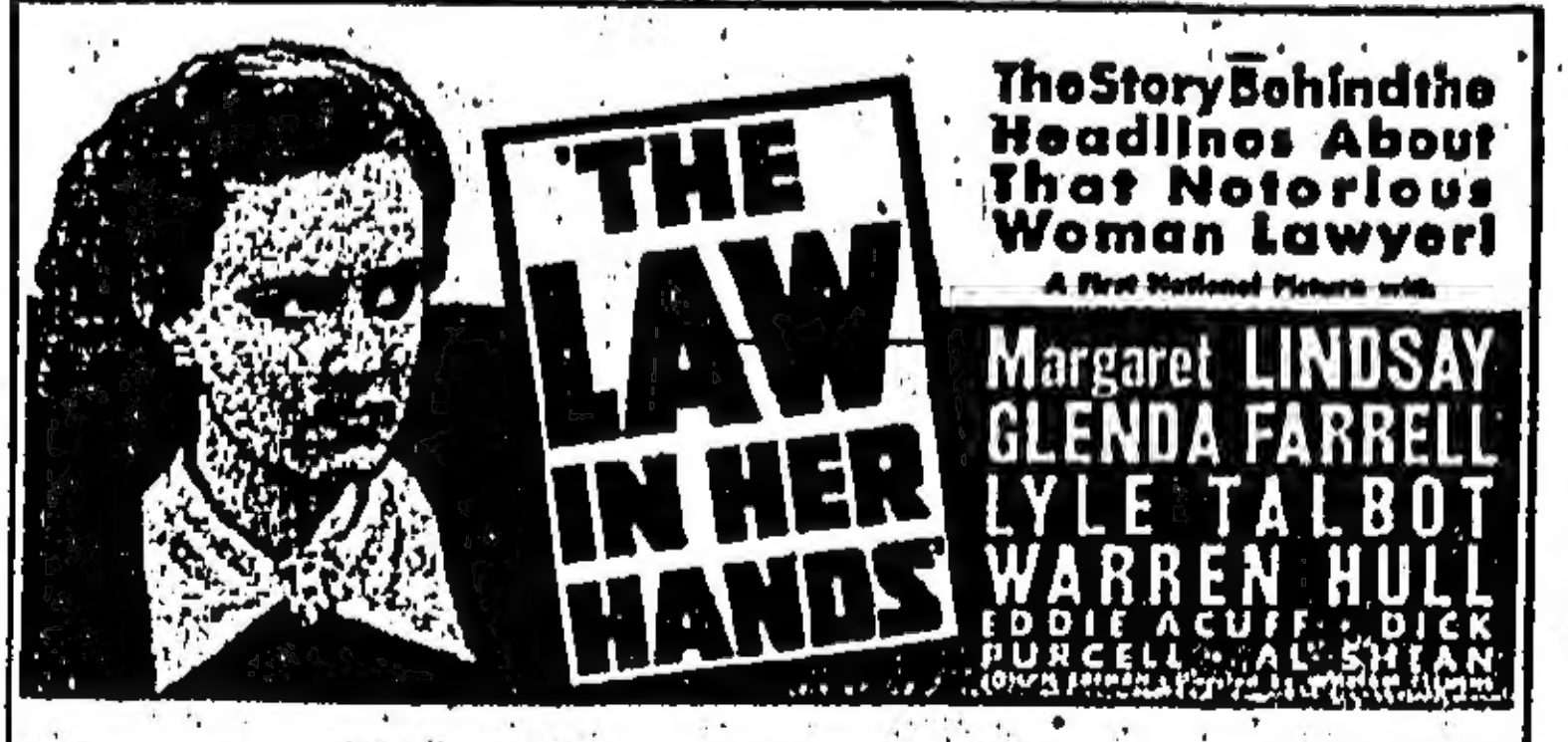
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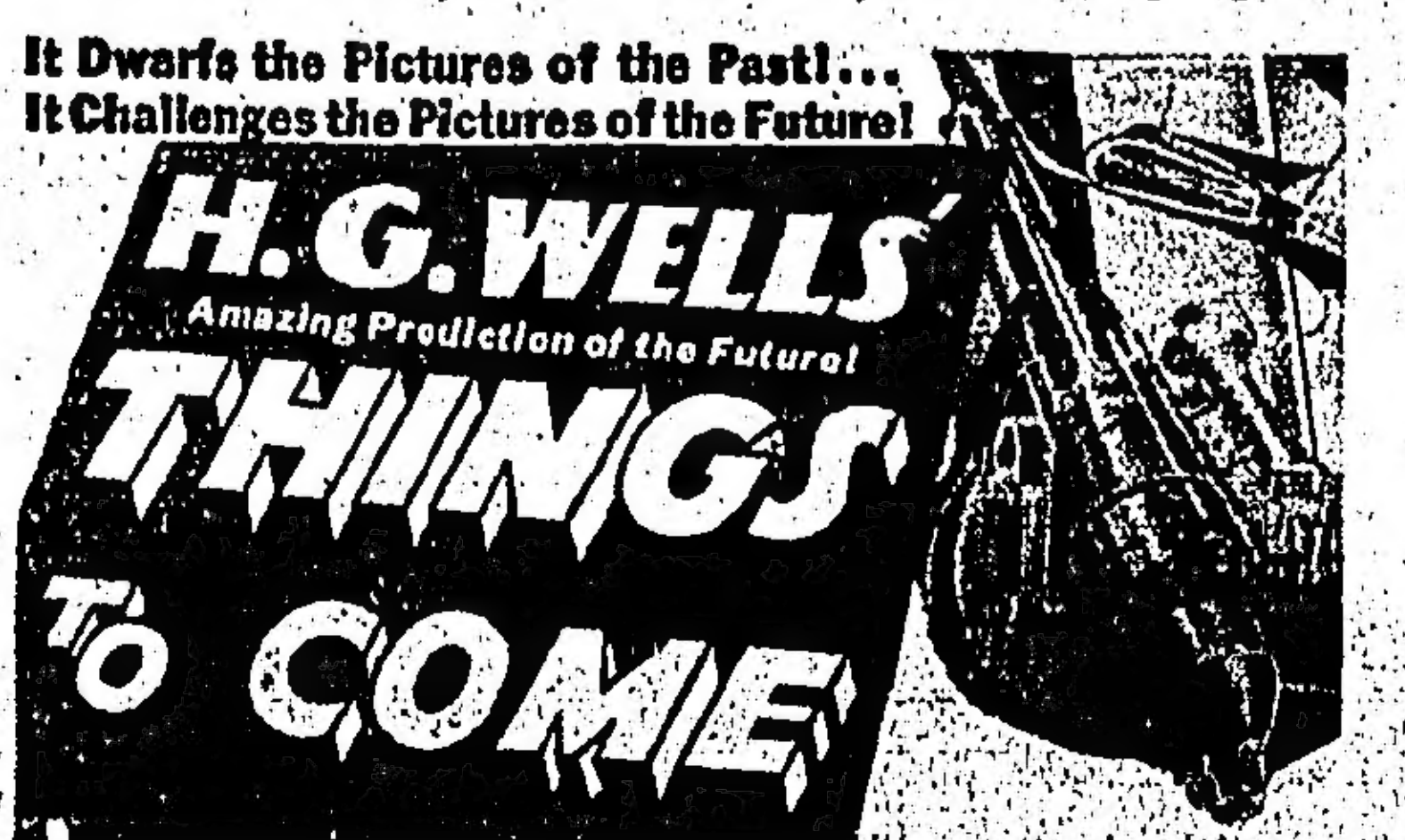
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FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY



ANGLO- ITALIAN PARLEYS

PROGRESS SEEMS
SATISFACTORY
SETTLEMENT
NOT NEAR

London, Dec. 22.
Enquiries in well-informed quar-
ters in London indicate that the
forecasts in circulation of an early
conclusion to discussions proceeding
in Rome on British and Italian
interests in the Mediterranean, are
premature rather than unduly
optimistic.

It is believed progress is regarded
on both sides as satisfactory, but there
is no intention of importing hurry
into the negotiations, which by their
very nature demand careful and com-
prehensive review of a great variety
of factors.

The basis of the conversations is
the mutual assumption that the in-
terests of the two Governments in
the Mediterranean are complementary
and it is a recognition of the fact
that there is to possess real value, it
must follow a close examination by
both parties, in a spirit of good will,
of all possible sources of misunder-
standing or friction.

Both in the Eastern and Western
Mediterranean recent developments
have seriously not lessened the num-
ber of points on which the British
Government will desire to feel assured
it has been acquainted with the
whole mind of the Italian Govern-
ment. Only when such a process has
been exhaustively applied to all
questions in the discussion will it be
possible to give substance and finality
to a declaration which both in Lon-
don and in Rome, it is confidently
expected will be the outcome of the
present exchange, and which there
is a strong desire to see accomplished
as an important contribution to Euro-
pean appeasement.—British Wireless.

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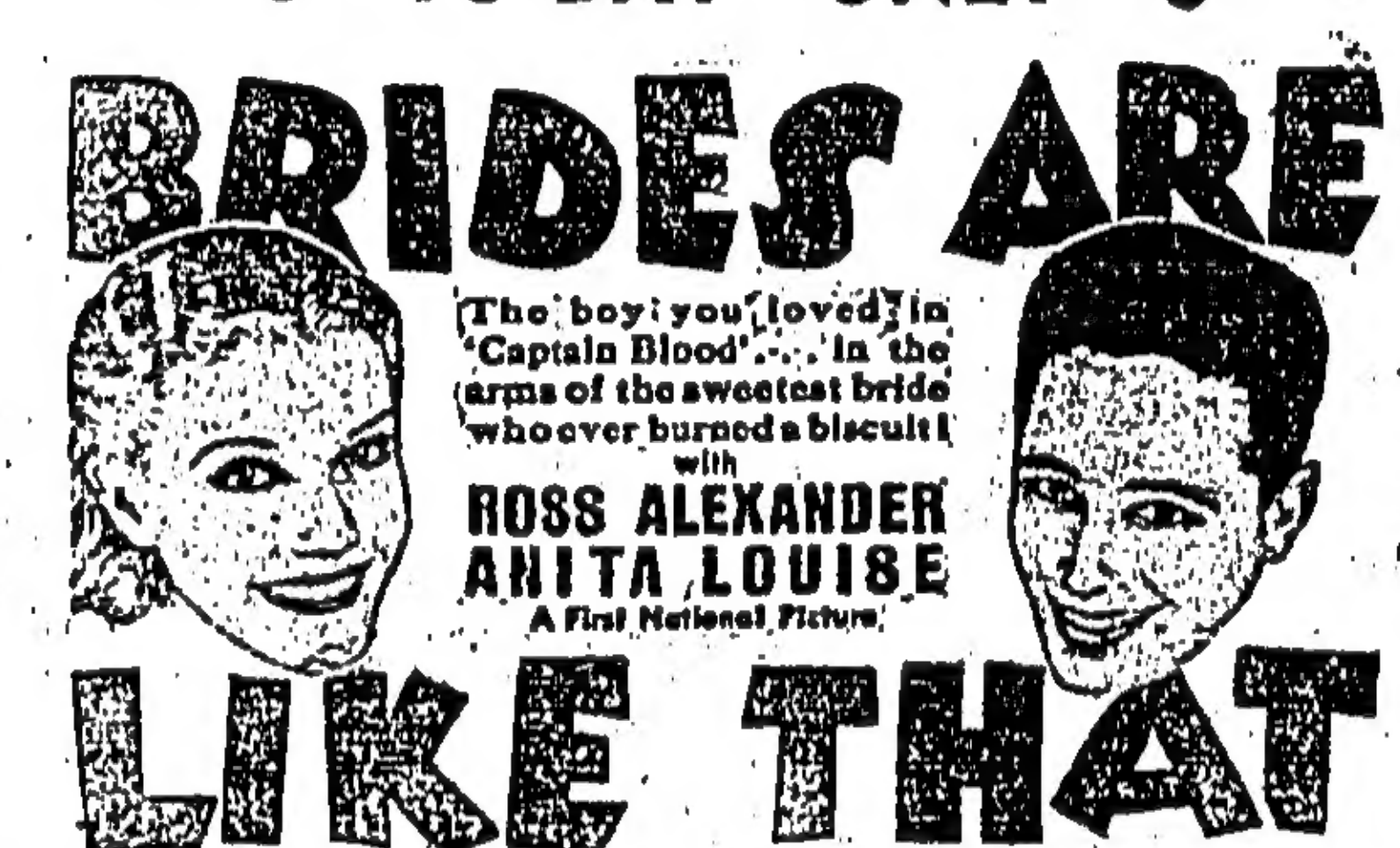


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